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STEAM DETECTIVES™

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STEAMPUNK MYSTERIES!

Steam City exists in a past that never was—a combination of old London and the Asakusa district in Tokyo in the Age of Steam. It is a place where masked dandies, dastardly supervillains, and sentient machines stalk the city by night. Are the sharp wits and quick reflexes of *wünderkind* detective Narutaki enough to thwart evil and unravel the mysteries of this strange world?

OVER THE TOP STEAM ACTION

Narutaki's only allies are Kawakubo, his butler; Ling Ling, a beautiful nurse, and Goriki, Ling Ling's steam-powered robot. And when Narutaki finds himself pitted against nefarious villian Phantom Knight, cunning thief Red Scorpion, and brilliant-but-insane scientist Dr. Guilty, Narutaki will need all the help he can get!

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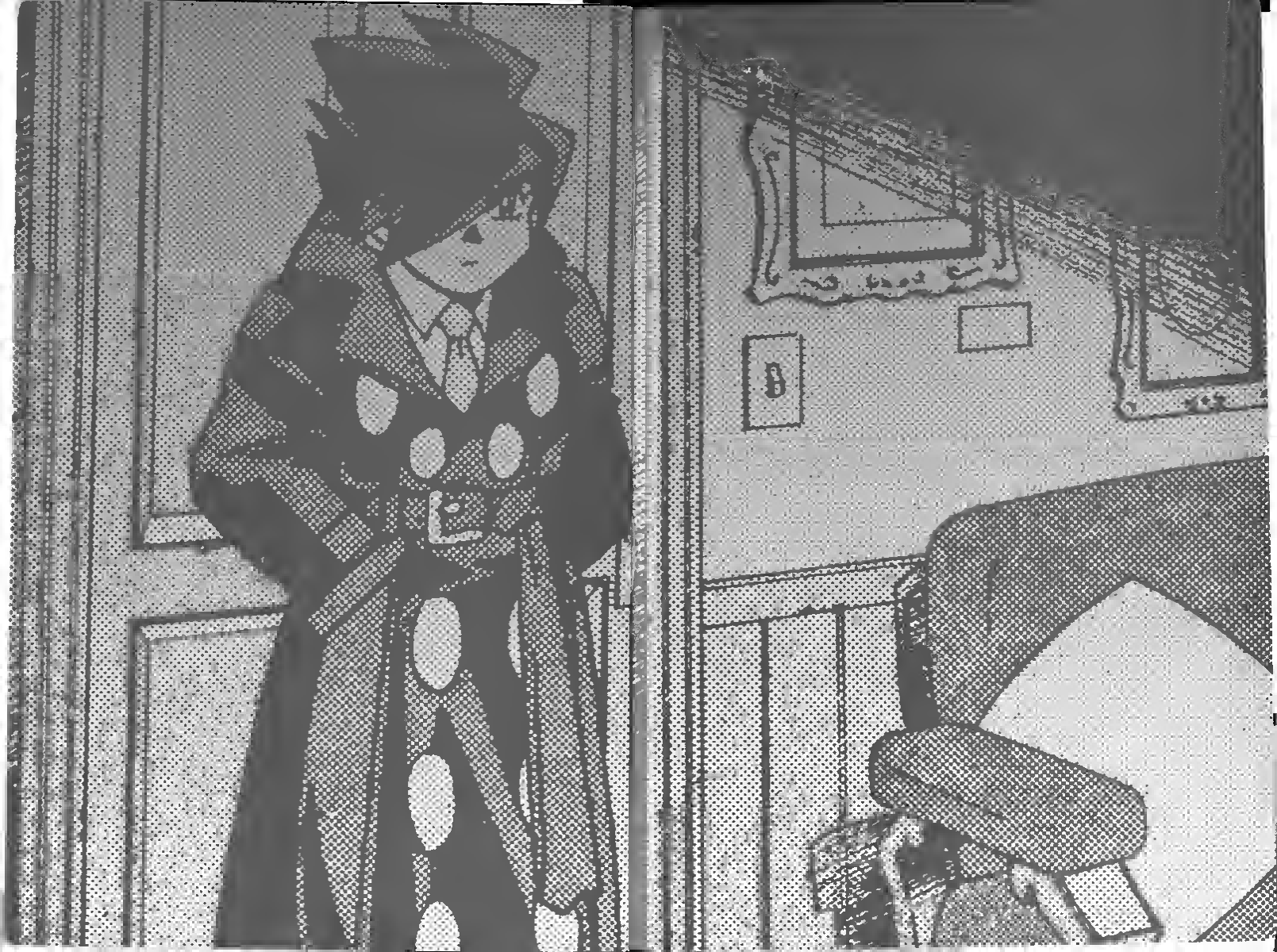
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Steam-Punk Mysteries

The place is Steam City, a mixture of London and Tokyo's Asakusa district, and boy detective Narutaki uses his genius to solve the myriad of mysteries that come to his door.

In his first case, a beautiful nurse Ling Ling and her megamaton robot Goriki are tricked by the evil Phantom Knight into luring Narutaki into a trap. Ling Ling thought the Phantom Knight could rescue the brain of her father, the brilliant scientist Dr. Hsu, from the body of her steam-powered megamaton, but the Phantom Knight has no intention of helping her. After defeating the plans of the Phantom Knight, Ling Ling and Goriki ask to join Narutaki and his butler Kawakubo in the Narutaki Detective Agency, and together they form the Steam Detectives.

But their work is just beginning and the agency has to thwart a machine fetishist, the Machine Baron, in his attempt to hijack a train filled with rare machine parts. In the next case, mad scientist Dr. Guilty sends his megamaton Shadow Bolt No. 1 against Goriki to prove his superiority over Dr. Hsu, and destroy Steam City in the process. Also Le Bread, the boy criminal, teams up with Ling Ling's evil opposite Lang Lang to add Narutaki to Lang Lang's twisted collection of stuffed creatures.

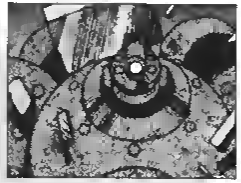
Since Narutaki and his friends solve every case with which they are presented, they have gained a good reputation in Steam City, but their most difficult cases are yet to come!

Narutaki

Son of the greatest detective in the history of Steam City, his parents' murder has left him with only his butler's help in his quest to follow in his father's footsteps.

Ling Ling

It is known that the beautiful nurse Ling Ling's father is the great scientist Dr. Hsu, but her past is still a mystery.



Gorilki

A steam-powered megamaton robot that is fiercely loyal to Ling Ling. Somewhere inside its body is the brain of Dr. Hsu.

Kawakubo

Narutaki's loyal butler and a man of many resources.

Inspector Yagami

One of the Steam City Police Force's finest detectives.

The Phantom Knight

An evil masked man who has a mysterious connection with Narutaki's family.

Dr. Guilty

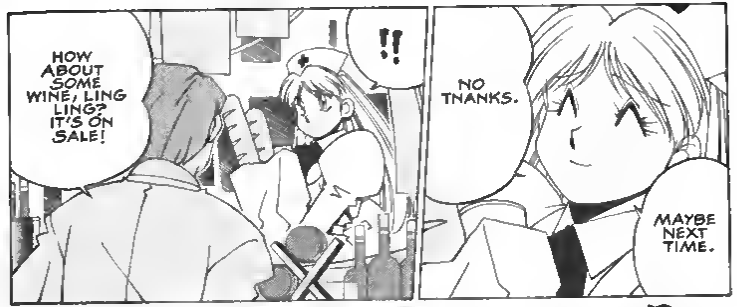
A mad scientist who is obsessed with proving that he is Dr. Hsu's better.

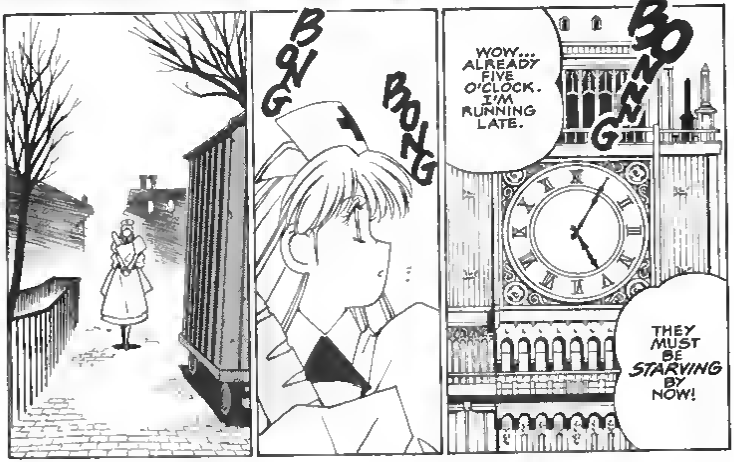
Lady Margarita

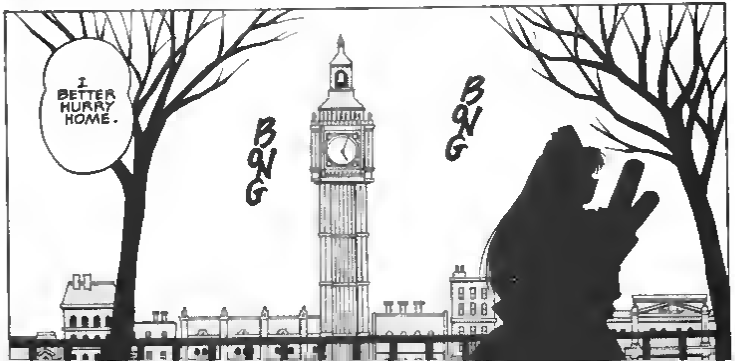
An exorcist who may not be all she seems to be.

BONNG
YOU'VE EARNED A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH !!
BONNG
BONNNG
BONNNG
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HAA!!
JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE, YOU TWO DO-GOODERS !!
GIZZT
BONG
BONNG
CASE 5, PART 1
THE REVENGE OF THE PHANTOM HNIGHT

THE STREETS OF THIS CITY ARE SHROUDED IN WHITE MIST.
BONG
BONG
BONG
STEAM RISES EVERYWHERE, OBSCURING EVERY-TNING.
BECAUSE COAL IS THE ONLY FUEL AVAILABLE HERE...
...THE INHABITANTS HAVE DEVELOPED THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED STEAM TECHNOLOGY.
EOPLE CALL THIS CITY SHROUDED IN MIST...
...STEAM CITY!!


HOW ABOUT SOME WINE, LING LING? IT'S ON SALE!
!!
NO TNANKS.
MAYBE NEXT TIME.


BONG
BONG
WOW... ALREADY FIVE O'CLOCK. I'M RUNNING LATE.
BONG
THEY MUST BE STARVING BY NOW!

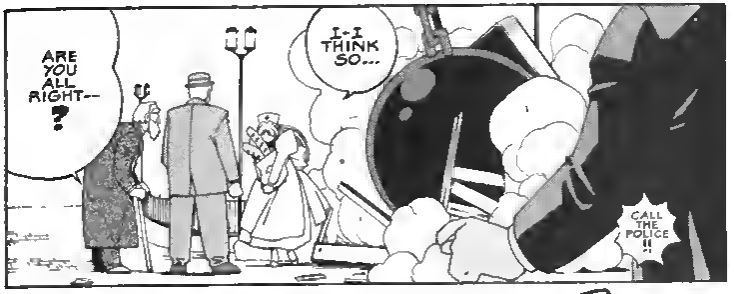

I BETTER HURRY HOME.
BONG
BONG

NARUTAKI DETECTIVE AGENCY
WAH!
I'M STAR-VIN'!
WHAT'S KEEPING LING LING?
GROWL
SHE'LL BE HOME DIRECTLY.
I KNOW, I KNOW...
SHALL I PREPARE SOME COFFEE?
COFFEE? THAT WOULD BE GREAT, KAWAKUBO!
IN THE MEAN-TIME...
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD ATTEND TO SOME OF THAT PAPERWORK PILING UP ON YOUR DESK...
YEAH, YEAH...
GROAN

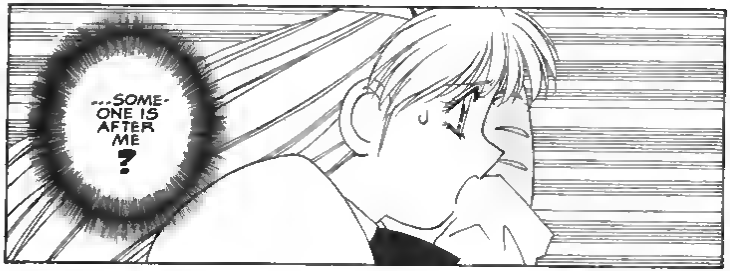
BRRR-YG...
NARU-TAKI DETEC-TIVE AGENCY...
LING LING! WE'RE STARVIN' HERE!
I'M SORRY, NARU-TAKI.
I GOT TIED UP AT THE STORE...
BUT I'M ON MY WAY HOME NOW. I GOT THE FIXINGS TO MAKE SOME STEW AND...
LING LING? WHAT'S WRONG...!?

KAAAAA
AAAAA
WHAMM
AAA

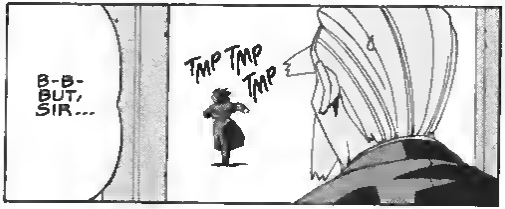
KRR
UNCH
.....
.....
WHAT THE HELL--!?
OH MY GOD!
LING LING !!
TUMPP
WHAT'S GOING ON !?

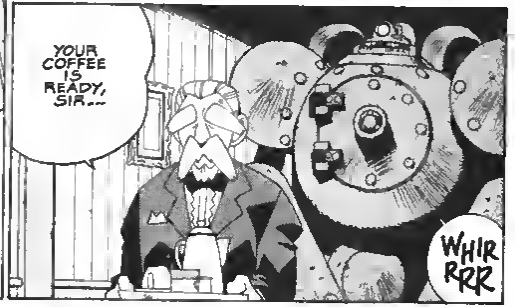

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT--?
I-I THINK SO...
CALL THE POLICE !!

NO ONE WAS OPERATING THE WRECKING BALL!
!?
!!
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
COULD IT BE THAT...
HEY... WHERE ARE YOU GOING--!?
TMP TMP TMP

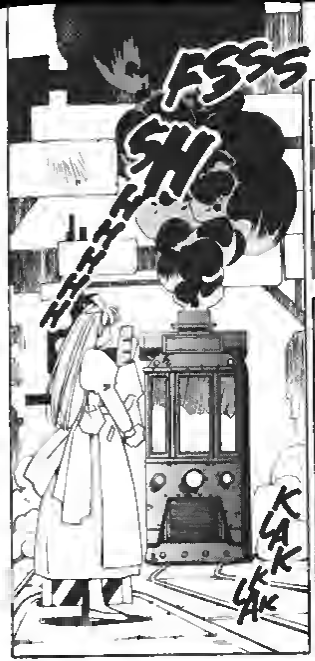

...SOME-ONE IS AFTER ME ?

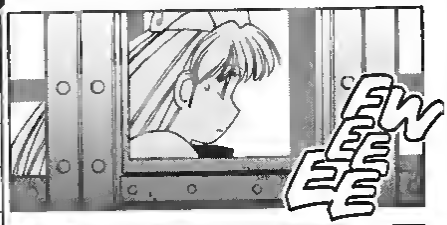
SLU A MM
I'M ON MY WAY !!

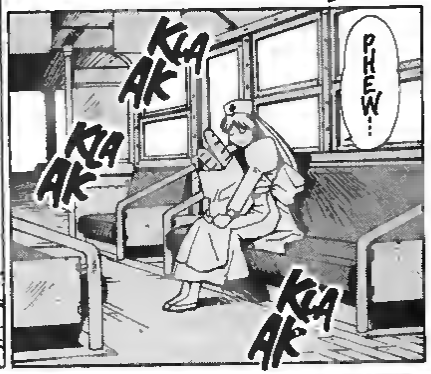

B-B-BUT, SIR...
TMP TMP TMP


YOUR COFFEE IS READY, SIR...
WHIR RRR

LING LING !!
SHE'S IN TROUBLE !!

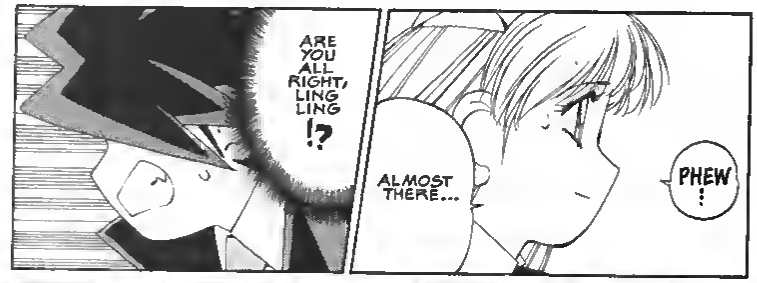

FSSS SHHHH
KAK KAK

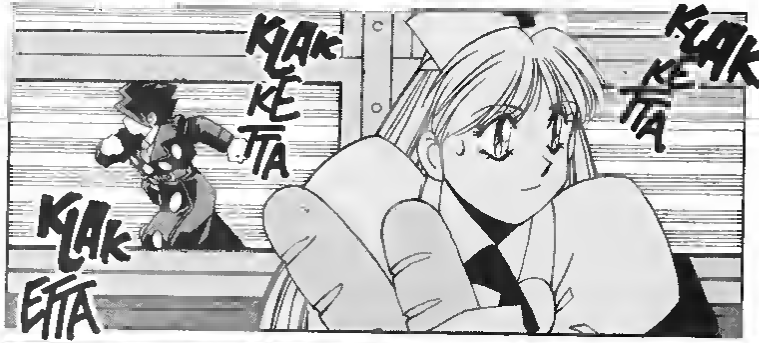

EW EEEEE


KLA AK
KLA AK
KLA AK
PHEW!

I HAVE TO GET HOME! FASTER... FASTER...
I HAVE TO GET TO NARU-TAKI...

KLAK ETTA
KLAK ETTA
FSSSSHHHHH


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LING LING !?
ALMOST THERE...
PHEW !


KLAK KE TTA
KLAK KE TTA
KLAK KE TTA

FSSSHHH
HUF
HUF
HUF
NEXT STOP...
KLAK KE TTA
KLAK KE TTA
FINALLY !!

KLAK KE TTA
KLAK KE TTA
KLAK KE TTA
KLAK KE TTA
!?

HEY, THIS IS WHERE I GET OFF!! WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP !?
CON- DUCTOR !!
!?
KLAK KE TTA
HE'S NOT THERE !!
SKRRR EEEE

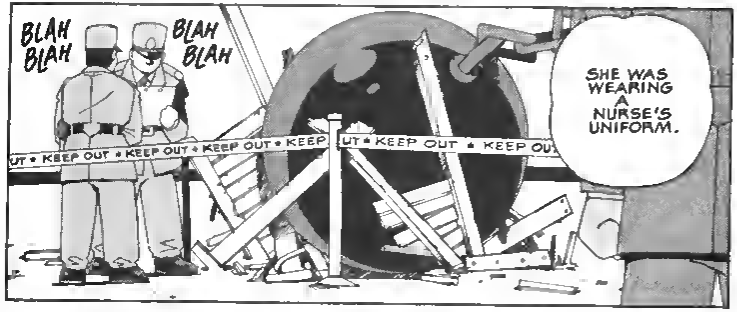
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
DE-RAILED !?
SKRR
EE
KRESH
SKR
EE

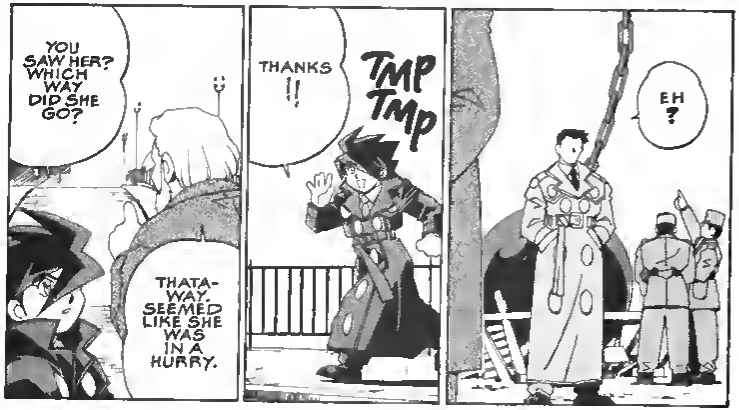
!?
THE WINDOWS AND DOORS-- ALL LOCKED SHUT !?
I'M TRAPPED !!
RATTLE RATTLE

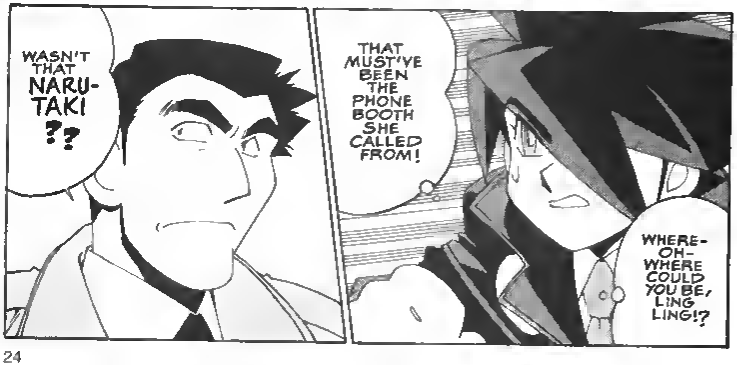
SKRRR
EEE
EEEE
!!

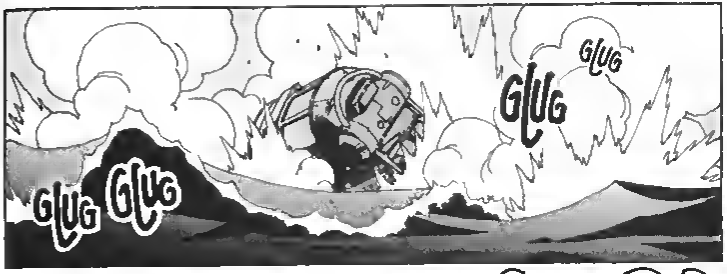
KEE
EE
RESH
HH

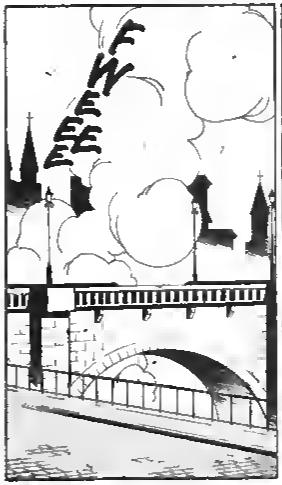
AIII EE EEE !!
FAAA
SHOOM
SPLOOSH


BLAH BLAH
BLAH BLAH
KEEP OUT
SHE WAS WEARING A NURSE'S UNIFORM.

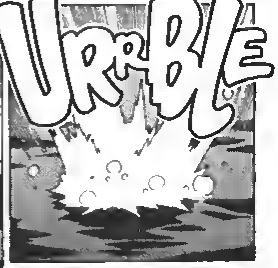

YOU SAW HER? WHICH WAY DID SHE GO?
THATA-WAY. SEEMED LIKE SHE WAS IN A HURRY.
THANKS!!
TMP TMP
EH?


WASN'T THAT NARU-TAKI??
THAT MUST'VE BEEN THE PHONE BOOTH SHE CALLED FROM!
WHERE-OH-WHERE COULD YOU BE, LING LING!?


GLUG
GLUG
GLUG GLUG


EEEEEEEEEE

SPLUSH
SPLASH
SPLASH


URRRBLE

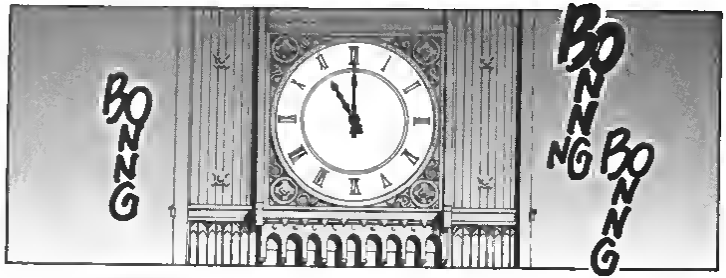
GLUG
GLUG

BR M
BR M
BR M
BR M
BR M
BR M

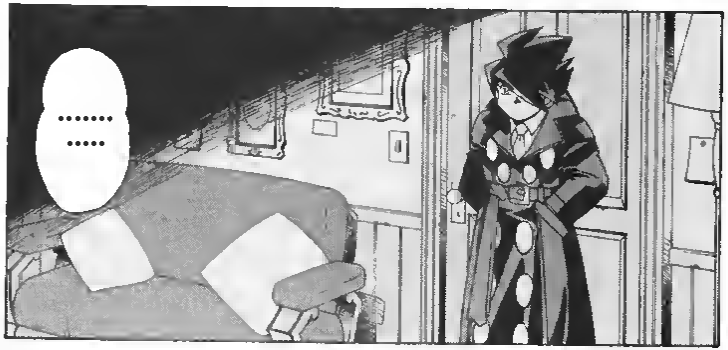
A-HA-HA-HA-HA-HAA!!
FSH
FW
EEE EE
SHH
SH
EEE EEE

YOU'RE MINE NOW, LING LING! ALL MINE!
DON'T WORRY... IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE IN TIME FOR THE DINNER SHOW.
THE TABLE'S ALL SET FOR THE MAIN COURSE.
WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR THE GUEST OF HONOR.

A-HA-HA-HA-HA-HAA!!
SHPL
LOOSH


BONNG
BONNG BONNG

I'M BACK.
AGENCY
TECTIVE
B-B-BUT SIR... WHERE IS MISS LING LING?
I COULDN'T FIND HER. I'VE GOT TO THINK THIS THROUGH.
SIR, I...
I'LL MAKE SOME MORE COFFEE...
CHUD
THANKS.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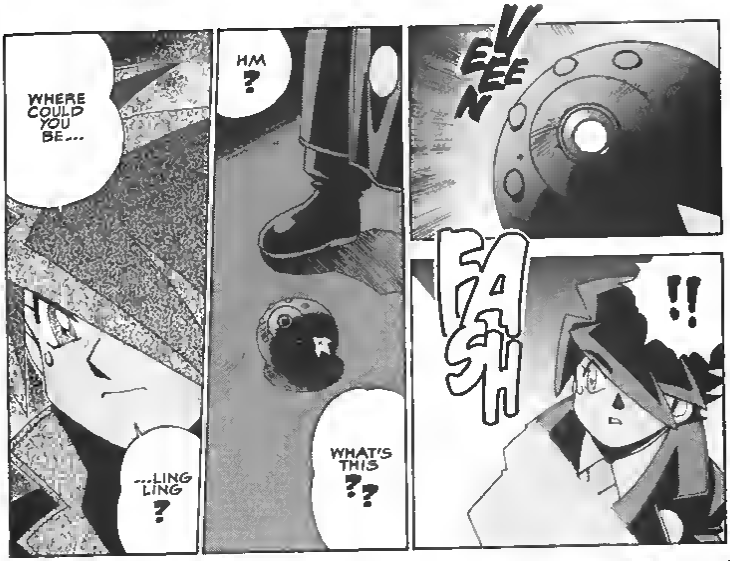
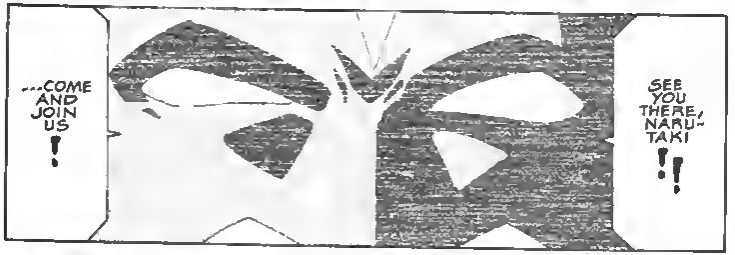

WHERE COULD YOU BE...
...LING LING?
HM?
WHAT'S THIS??
VEEEN
FASH
!!

SO...WE MEET AGAIN, NARUTAKI! DID YOU FIND HER--?
VEEEN
THE PHANTOM KNIGHT!!

SHE'S WITH ME.
HER EXECUTION WILL COMMENCE AT MIDNIGHT...
RR RG!
...AT THE FIFTH CLOCK TOWER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WATCH HER SUFFER..

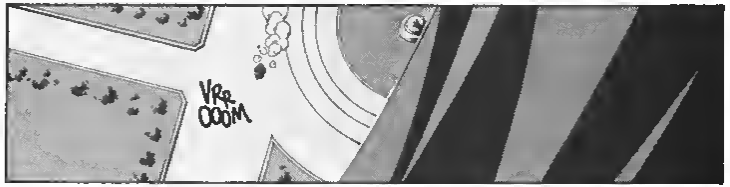

...COME AND JOIN US!
SEE YOU THERE, NARUTAKI!!

SIR... YOUR COFFEE IS READY...
ZIP
TM
P
TMM
LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO BREW A FRESH POT AGAIN...

VRR...
RR
OO
OO
OO
M
DAMN THAT PHANTOM!!

EEEEE
EEEEE

FWEEEEEE
.....
HEH..


VRR OOOM

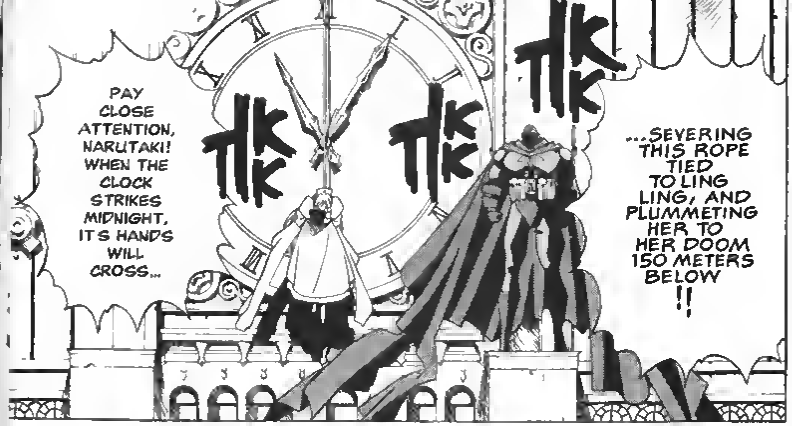
SHH
HUF
HUF
HERE YOU COME... A GOOD BOY LIKE YOU ALWAYS LOOKS AFTER HIS FRIENDS...
...RIGHT, NARUTAKI?

PHANTOM KNIGHT! I'M HERE! IT'S ME, NARUTAKI!!
FWEEEEEE
FWEEEEEE
WHERE ARE YOU?! SHOW YOUR FACE!
PHANTOM!!
SLASH

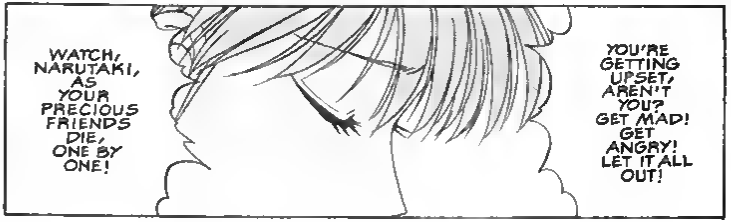
UP HERE! ON THE CLOCK TOWER!!
FWEEEEEE
SHH
FSSSHH
WHAT THE--!?

WELCOME TO THE HELL OF MY DEVISING, NARUTAKI. ON TONIGHT'S MENU, THE MAIN COURSE WILL BE THE EXECUTION OF LING LING.
TKK
TKK
TKK
BE SURE TO SAVOR EACH MOMENT BEFORE THE EVENING COMES TO A CLOSE!

TKK
TKK
AHA-HAHA HAHA HAA!
!!

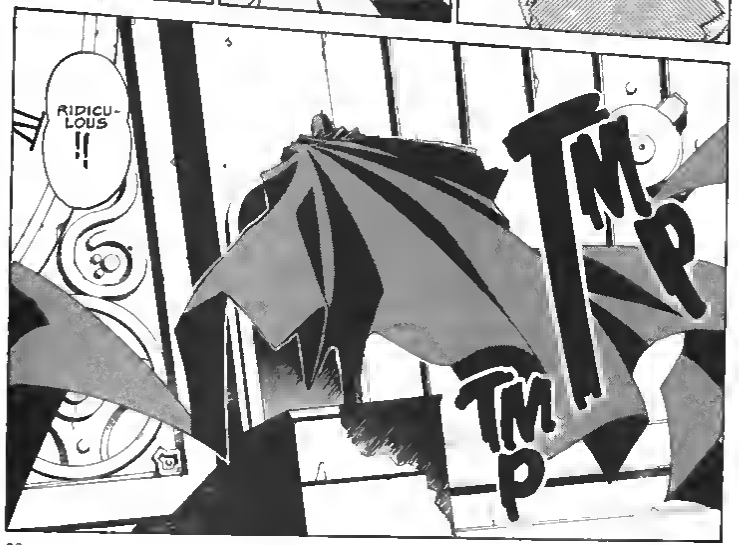

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION, NARUTAKI! WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES MIDNIGHT, IT'S HANDS WILL CROSS...
TIK TIK TIK
...SEVERING THIS ROPE TIED TO LING LING, AND PLUMMETING HER TO HER DOOM 150 METERS BELOW !!

STOP THIS MADNESS! SHE'S INNOCENT! THIS IS BETWEEN YOU AND ME!!
"BETWEEN YOU AND ME"? BUT SHE'S YOUR FRIEND !!
I WANT TO SEE YOU SUFFER... TO WATCH YOU WRITHING IN PAIN! I WANT YOU TO BECOME POSSESSED WITH RAGE AND ANGUISH!


WATCH, NARUTAKI, AS YOUR PRECIOUS FRIENDS DIE, ONE BY ONE!
YOU'RE GETTING UPSET, AREN'T YOU? GET MAD! GET ANGRY! LET IT ALL OUT!

I'VE SUFFERED ALL MY LIFE !!
NOW I'LL GIVE YOU A TASTE OF IT !!
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, PHANTOM !!
I DON'T CARE WHAT DRIVES YOU! I'M GOING TO SAVE LING LING!
TMP

HA HA HAAA... THAT'S RIGHT... COME ON UP HERE, NARUTAKI.
THERE'S MORE THAN ONE TRAP LYING IN WAIT FOR YOU...
.....
....
FRIENDS. HAH!


RIDICULOUS!!
TMP
TMP
TMP

!!

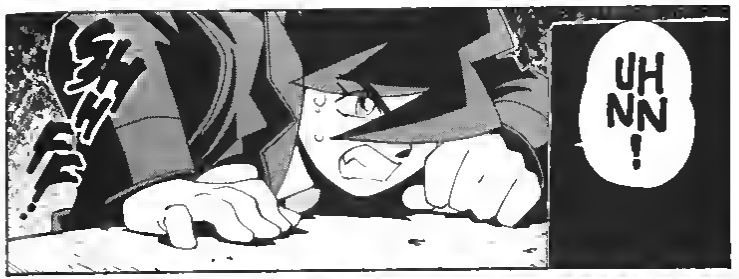
EEEEEEEEEEEE

LING LING IS...
...AT THE TOP OF THESE STAIRS!!

TUMP
TMP
YEEN

!?

AAA HHHH !!
KRA AK
KR EK
KRRSHH
HAH
KREKA
KREK
NG HH..


SH F..
UH NN !

!!
IT'S OVER, PHAN-TOM!!
HUF
HUF
HUF
TMP!
TMP!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY WITH THIS!!

STEAM DETECTIVES PRESS

The FIVE CLOCK TOWERS of STEAM CITY

In addition to the four clock towers surrounding Steam City, a main clock tower looms over Steam Central Park

The battle between Narutaki and the Phantom is taking place at the fifth clock tower, located in the eastern part of the city, where both Friday Park and the Museum of Ancient History are located The architect was Dr David Weight, an avid supporter of civic life

Dr Weight was an active board member on the Steam City Committee for City Development The five clock towers symbolize the city's improved quality of life

The clock towers were also built to ward off evil forces Each one is installed with a gargoyle molded in the form of a creature such as a dragon, griffin, or winged horse Perhaps it is they who have protected our city from major catastrophes

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ART PLANET DESIGN STUDIO IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR NEW DESIGNERS. CONTACT A-351 G-66547 WE NEED NEW TALENT!
GALEF WALK

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CASE 5, PART 2
SHOWDOWN AT THE CLOCK TOWER

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
HERE'S A LITTLE SOME-THING FOR YOU...
TMP TMP TMP TMP
!!
WHUD
AHA-HA-HA-HA-HAA!
ARGH!
ZOOP

WHUD
KR R
ESHH SSHH
HUF
HUF
TMP TMP
WHOA !!
HEH!
YAA RGH !!
TMP TMP
PHAN-TOM!
TMP TMP TMP TMP

!!
TUMP
PHAN-TOM !!
LING LING'S JUST A FEW FEET ABOVE YOU.
BUT THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU GET.
RRR GHH...
NOW WATCH, AS LING LING PLUMMETS TO HER DEATH!
CHAK
WHOOSH
BOOM
KRRR EKK

WHAT THE--??
A-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HAA!
KRESH
YOU-
A-HA-HA-HA-HA!
RRIPP

SO...
FWIP
FWUP
NOW WE'RE EQUALLY MATCHED.
.....
SIFF
YOUR ATTACH-MENTS ARE USELESS WITHOUT YOUR GUN.
BUT LET'S LIVEN THINGS UP A LITTLE...
GRRIPP
I HAVE SOME TIME TO KILL BEFORE THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT!
SNIK
HOW ABOUT IT...?

FWEEE
EE
EEE
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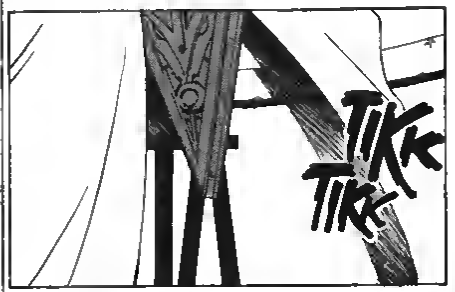
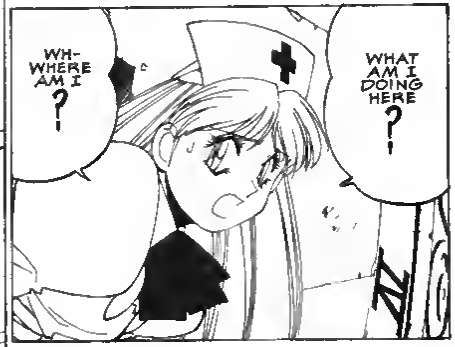

TIKK
TIKK

H-
HUH--
!?!


WH-
WHERE
AM I
?
WHAT
AM I
DOING
HERE
?

FWEEEE
FWEEE

GK
LANG

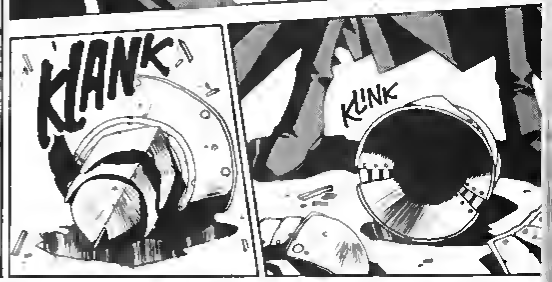
HUH
!?
TUNK
TOO BIG FOR YOU? DON'T WORRY, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF KILLING YOU...
...AT LEAST, NOT YET!

PHAN-
TOM
!!
SWISH
ISH
AHA-
HA-
HA-
HAA!

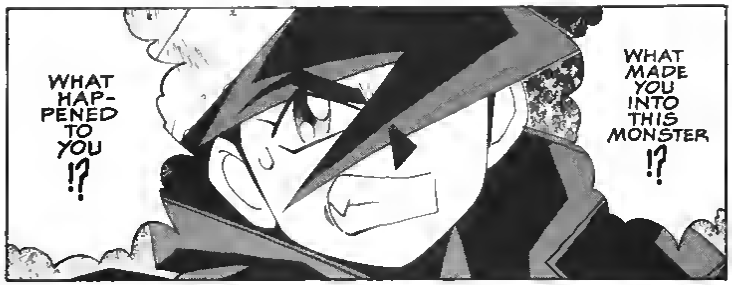
SKREE
G2R
KA CHING
YOU'LL NEVER GET TO LING LING AT THIS RATE!
WHY, PHANTOM? WHY DO YOU HATE ME SO MUCH!? WHY DO YOU HATE STEAM CITY!?
SK LA NG
HA... WE BOTH HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE!
SK ANG
OUR DAY OF RECKONING WILL COME WITH YOUR DEATH!
TING

KRSSH
AGH HH!

TH ok
!!


KLANK
KLINK

KANG
KANG KANG
TINK
TINK


WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOU !?
WHAT MADE YOU INTO THIS MONSTER !?

.....
.....

CL NC H
HUH ?

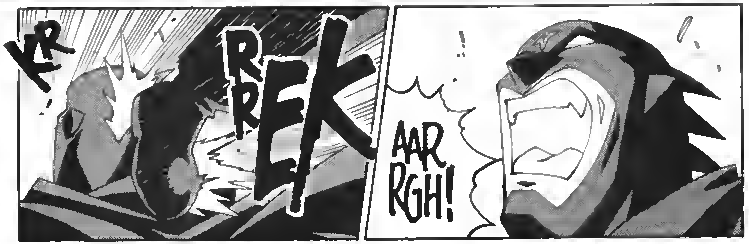
TU AM
!!

WHOO
SSH
WHAT THE-- !?

FW AP
HEY !!

FW
DAMN IT! WHERE'D YOU GO, NARU-TAKI !?
WOOSH

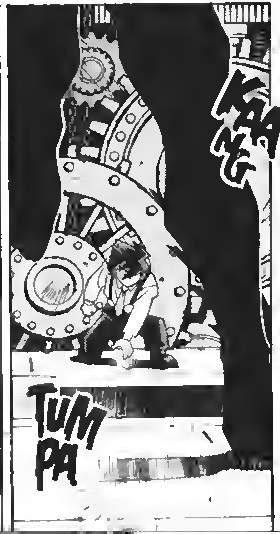
!!


KR
REK
AAR RGH!

THUMP

NARU-TAKI !!
AAA
RRRA
K

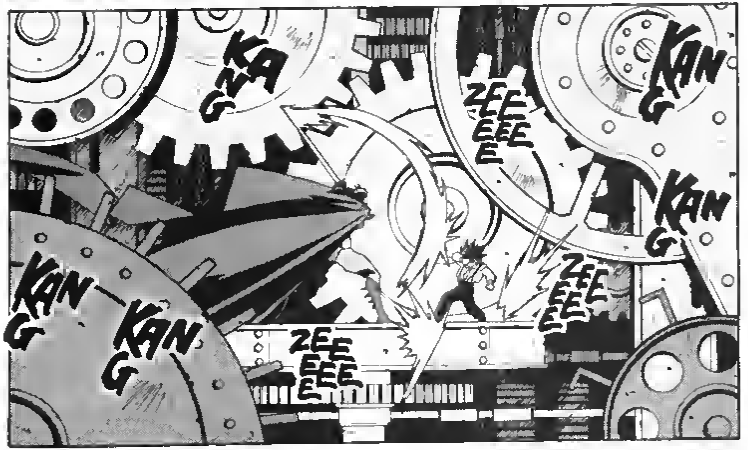
AAA AHH!
K
TUMP


KAAG
TUM PA

NOW I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU, NARUTAKI! WHY HAVE YOU APPOINTED YOURSELF GUARDIAN OF THIS CITY?
KANG
KANG
KANG
KANG
WHY RISK YOUR LIFE OVER A WORTHLESS PLACE LIKE THIS?

I LOVE THIS CITY! MY FATHER SACRIFICED HIS LIFE FOR THIS CITY!
THAT'S WHY I'VE SWORN TO PROTECT IT! AND YOU'RE ITS BIGGEST ENEMY!

KRESH
YOU'VE GOT A BAD ATTITUDE, NARUTAKI! GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO LEARN THE HARD WAY!
KANG
AAAHHH!
SHH
A-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HAA!
KRESH
TINNNG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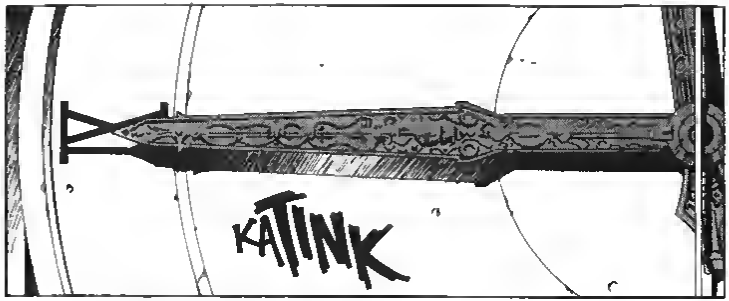
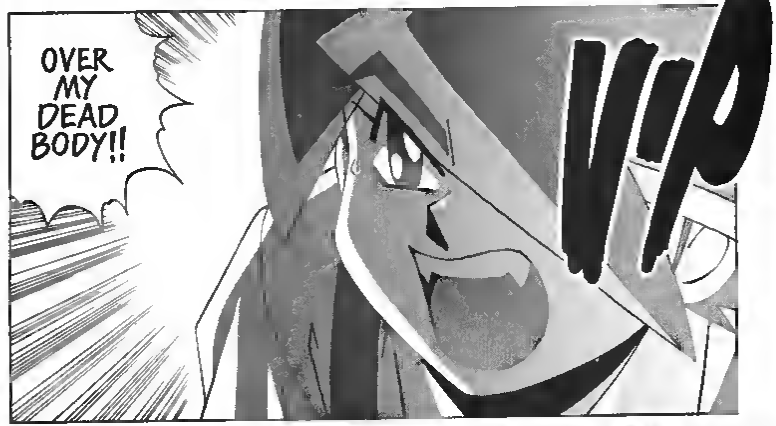

KATINK

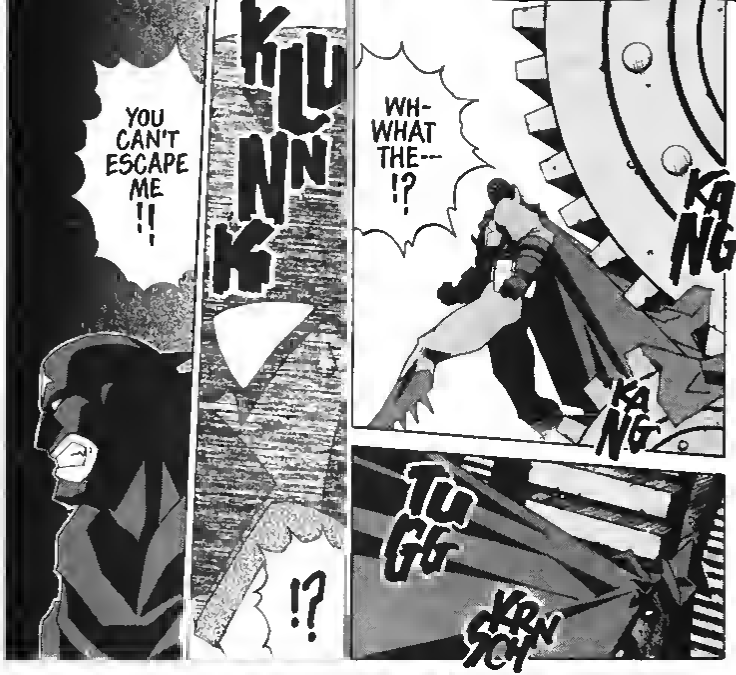
WHAT'S GOING ON ??
I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY...
FWEEEE

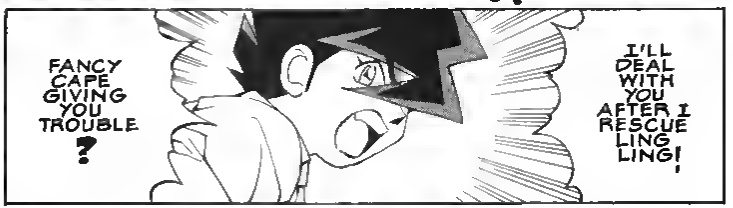
BUT HOW !?
I'M TRAPPED !!
FWEEEEE
FWEEEEE

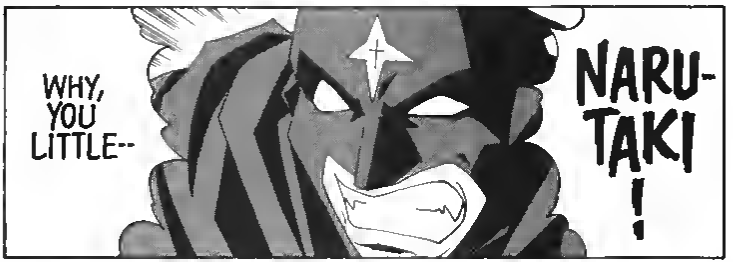
HUF
HUF
HUF
A-HA-HA-HA-HAA... HAD ENOUGH YET, NARUTAKI? TIME'S RUNNING OUT MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP NOW.


OVER MY DEAD BODY!!
VIP

ARRGH!
OK
TH
TMP
TMP
STOP THAT!

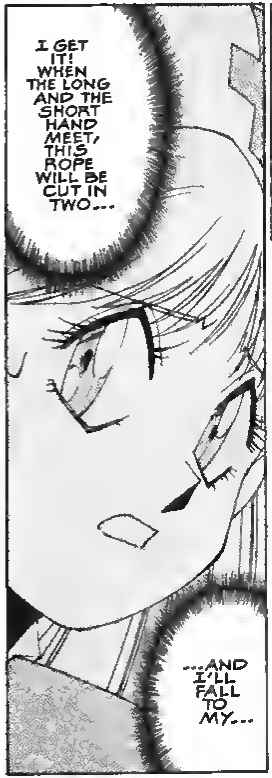

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME !!
KLUNK
!?
WH-WHAT THE--- !?
KANG
KANG
TUGG
KRNSCH


FANCY CAPE GIVING YOU TROUBLE ?
I'LL DEAL WITH YOU AFTER I RESCUE LING LING!


WHY, YOU LITTLE--
NARU-TAKI !

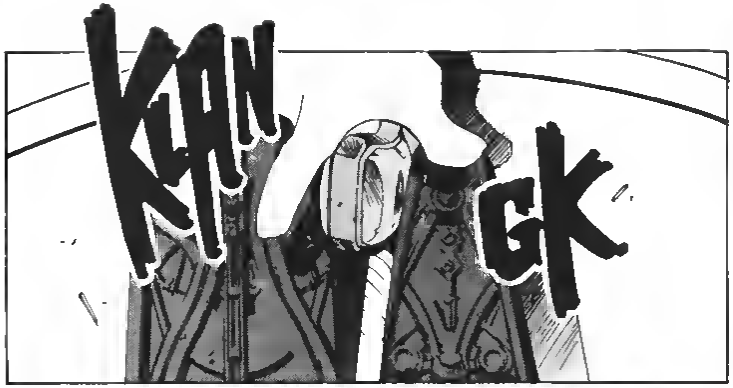
!!

KLIK


I GET IT! WHEN THE LONG AND THE SHORT HAND MEET, THIS ROPE WILL BE CUT IN TWO...
...AND I'LL FALL TO MY...

I HAVE TO... HAVE TO GET LOOSE !!
KLIK
KLIK
NG GH!

KLIK
OH NO !!
KLI--

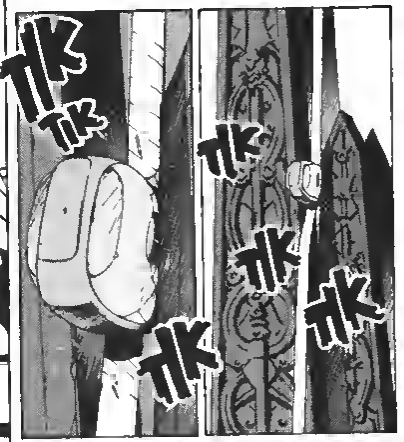

KIAN
GK

!?
YOU ALL RIGHT, LING LING !?
NARU-TAKI !!

I'LL SAVE YOU! HANG ON!
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
THE PHANTOM WAS WRONG. I CAN USE SOME OF MY ACCES-SORIES WITHOUT MY GUN.

FWEEEEEEEE
NARU-TAKI !!

FSSSHHH
YOU'RE SAFE NOW, LING LING!
VIP


TIK
TIK
TIK
TIK
TIK
TIK

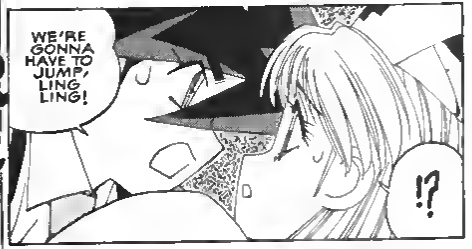
GLU
AII EE!
FAP
HOLD ON TIGHT! I'LL WINCH US UP THE WALL.
PLIP
PLIP
OKAY!
GIVE IT UP, NARUTAKI!
SHH FSS
SHHH
HUH !?
FSS HH
SAY YOUR PRAYERS !
SSH
WELCOME TO THE MAIN COURSE OF THE PHANTOM KNIGHT'S DINNER SHOW FROM HELL! GUESS WHAT? I INSTALLED A BACK-UP SYSTEM! IF THE CLOCK'S HANDS ARE STOPPED, A TIME BOMB WILL EXPLODE!!
AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE COMPLETELY POWERLESS, HUH NARUTAKI !?

XI
KLIK
BONG
LISTEN TO ME, PHANTOM !!
BONNNNG
BONGGGG
I'M NOT ALONE! I HAVE LING LING AND GORIKI! AS LONG AS I HAVE FRIENDS, I'LL NEVER GIVE UP!!
I WON'T LOSE !

BOOM

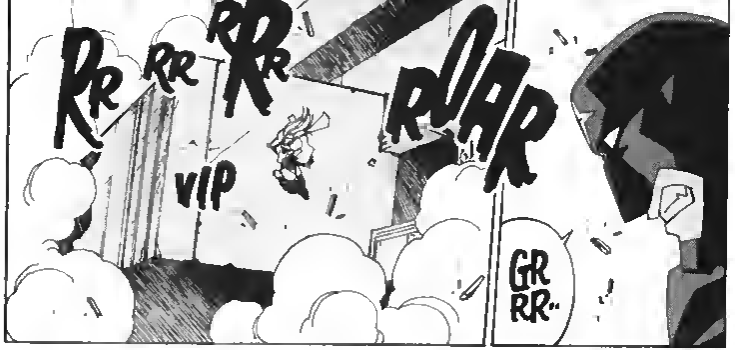
FOOOO
SHH
KR-
EK
THONK
THUNK!
WHIRRR
RRRRR
BOOM
ZOOOO

A-HA-HA-HA-HAAA!
FINISHED WITH YOUR LITTLE SPEECH?
RRRR
RRRR
RRRR
WELCOME TO HELL, NARUTAKI!!

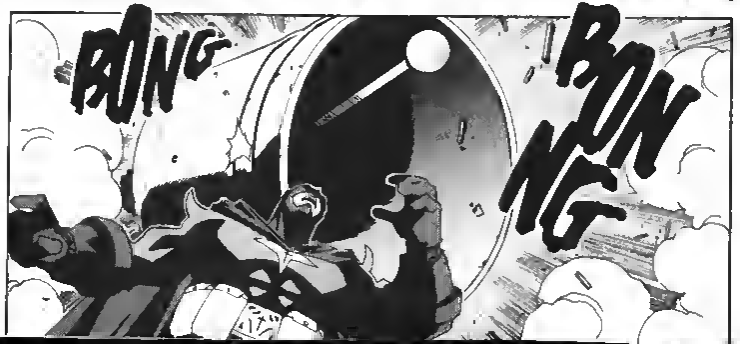

WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO JUMP, LING LING!
!?

TMP

HEY!!
FSSSH
FSSSH


RR RR RR
VIP
ROAR
GR RR..

THIS WAY, LING LING!
OKAY!
NARUTAKI! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME!!
TMP
BONG
WHAT THE--!?
!!


BONG
BONG

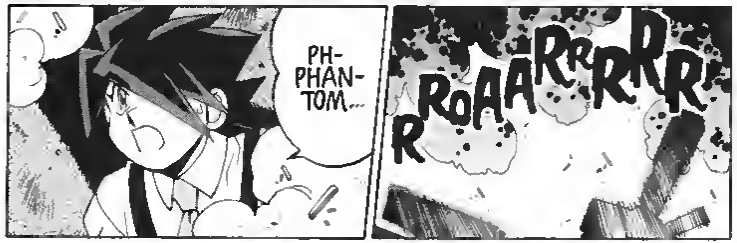
AAAARGH!
KLONNNG
GLUUG
GLUGI

GLUHBB
BLUGGG
FUSH
AAAAAA

HURRY !!
FOOOOSH
WE'RE ALMOST TO THE EXIT !!
FASTER !!
!!
NARU-TAKI! LOOK UP!!
WHAT !?!
AGGHH!
RRRR
KRESSSHH
KRRRR AAAA SSHH
NNGH..
OH..
GORIKI !?!
WHRRR
WE'RE SAFE NOW !!

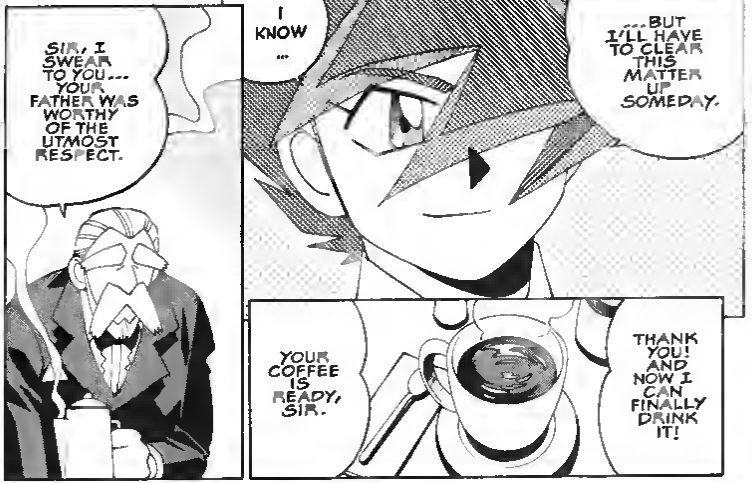
N--
TMP
NARU-TAKI...
!!
PHAN-TOM !?
A-HA-HA-HA! UNTIL I'VE AVENGED MY FATHER...
...I WILL NEVER CAPITU-LATE !!
NARUTAKI! IT WAS MY FATHER, THE FORMER PHANTOM KNIGHT, WHO KILLED YOUR FATHER! AND HE DESERVED WHATEVER HE GOT, THE TREACHEROUS BASTARD.
RRRR ROAR
RRRR ROAR
THEY WERE BEST FRIENDS UNTIL YOUR FATHER BETRAYED MINE! MY FATHER CURSED YOUR FATHER TILL THE DAY HE DIED! AND THAT'S THE DAY I VOWED TO DESTROY THE CITY YOUR FATHER SWORE TO PROTECT...
RRRR ROAR
RROAR
TO AVENGE MY FATHER !!
MY FATHER.... "TREACHER-OUS"... ??
LIAR !!
A-HA-HA-HA!
I CURSE THIS CITY FOR ALL ETER-NITY !!
CHIK

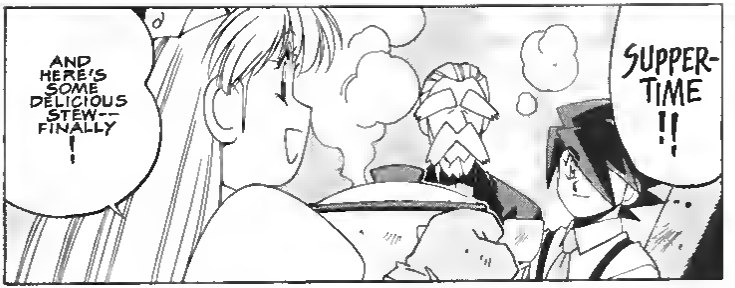
KAA
DOOM


PH-PHAN-TOM...
RROAARRRRRR!

NARU-TAKI! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DETEC-TIVE ONIGA-WARA!!
FWOOSH
OOSH

NARUTAKI
AGENCY DETECTIVE
KAWA-KUBO...
WAS MY FATHER REALLY LIKE THE PHANTOM ONCE?


SIR, I SWEAR TO YOU... YOUR FATHER WAS WORTHY OF THE UTMOST RESPECT.
I KNOW...
...BUT I'LL HAVE TO CLEAR THIS MATTER UP SOMEDAY.
YOUR COFFEE IS READY, SIR.
THANK YOU! AND NOW I CAN FINALLY DRINK IT!


AND HERE'S SOME DELICIOUS STEW--- FINALLY!
SUPPER-TIME!!

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SPECIAL EDITION

BEAUTIFUL NURSE LING LING!

What's the story behind the Narutaki Detective Agency's beautiful nurse/secretary? We dispatched our reporters at the Steam Detectives Press to find out, and this is what we uncovered!!

Her full name is Ling Ling Hsu. She's sixteen years old, and originally from Yellow River City. Her father is the biotechnology pioneer Doctor Hsu, and her mother the famous writer Feiffer. Apparently Ling Ling has an older sister, but we know next to nothing about her.

Ling Ling became a nurse after Doctor Hsu died in an unfortunate accident. As readers know, she joined the Narutaki Detective Agency during the "Birth of the Steam Detectives" episode.

Ling Ling enjoys drinking tea, taking baths, reading, and collecting small antiques.

As the partner of brave boy-detective Narutaki, she has a pleasant life.

Ling Ling Hsu (16)

KAISER BRIKET

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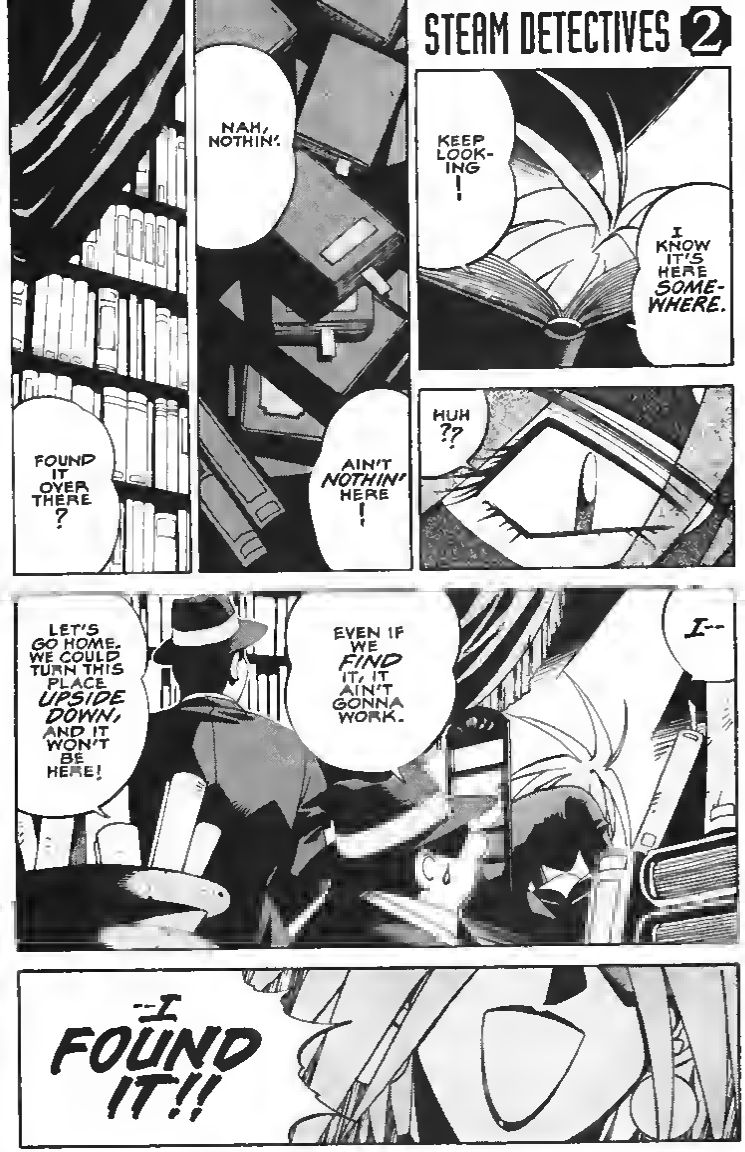
CASE 6

THE RED SCORPION AND THE ANGEL'S TEAR

THE MAIN IMPERIAL LIBRARY
EEEEE
FWEEEE
EEE
FWEE

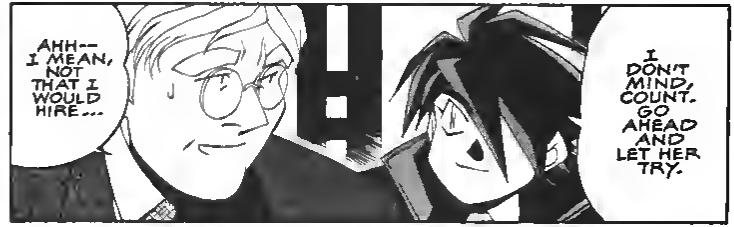

FOUND IT OVER THERE?
NAH, NOTHIN'.
AIN'T NOTHIN' HERE!
KEEP LOOK-ING!
I KNOW IT'S HERE SOME-WHERE.
HUH??
LET'S GO HOME. WE COULD TURN THIS PLACE UPSIDE DOWN, AND IT WON'T BE HERE!
EVEN IF WE FIND IT, IT AIN'T GONNA WORK.
I--
--I FOUND IT!!

I FOUND IT! A VERY GOOD ONE INDEED !!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
AND ONCE I USE IT, THE ANGEL'S TEAR WILL BE MINE. IT'LL BELONG TO THE RED SCORPION !!
THE ANGEL'S TEAR SHOULDN'T BE HOARDED BY SOME OLD MAN IT SHOULD BE ADORNING A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN SUCH AS MYSELF !!
HA HA HA HA

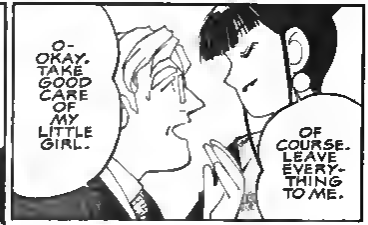
SO IT'S BEEN ONE WEEK SINCE THESE DREAMS STARTED TO HAUNT YOUR DAUGHTER.
AND THESE DREAM GHOSTS HAVE BEEN TORMENTING HER.
I SEE...
I UNDERSTAND.
SHE'S ON THE VERGE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.
PLEASE, NARUTAKI! I'LL PAY YOU WHATEVER YOU WANT!
JUST HELP HER.
IT'S A LITTLE BEYOND MY FIELD OF EXPERTISE.
YEAH.
I DON'T HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE IN "DEDUCING" DREAMS.
HMMM.
BUT I HEARD THAT EVERY MYSTERY YOU'VE TAKEN ON HAS BEEN SOLVED!
THE "SARUNO THEFT" AND THE "STEAM SNATCHER" CASES, YOU'VE SOLVED THEM ALL!
ANYWAY, FILL ME IN ON THE DETAILS. THESE GHOSTS THAT ARE TORTURING HER...
...WHAT KIND OF GHOSTS ARE THEY?
THE SKELETONS IN HER DREAMS CLOSE IN ON HER...
...DEMANDING THAT SHE GIVE THEM THE ANGEL'S TEAR, THE ANCESTRAL TREASURE OF THE AYAHOKOJI FAMILY. IF SHE DOESN'T, THEY'LL FORCE HER TO KILL ME.
YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR DEPTH.
TMP
A CHILD COULD NEVER SOLVE THIS!

YOU SHOULD LEAVE SUCH A DIFFICULT CASE TO THE LADY MARGARITA !!
I'LL BE ABLE TO SOLVE THE CASE MORE ASSUREDLY THAN ANY YOUNG WHELP.
W-WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!? AND HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE !?
!

BE REASONABLE, COUNT AYANOKOJI. I SPECIALIZE IN EVERYTHING FROM CAPTURING MURDERERS TO EXORCISING EVIL SPIRITS.
ALL AT EQUITABLE PRICES !!
Y-YES, BUT CAN YOU DELIVER!?


AHH-- I MEAN, NOT THAT I WOULD HIRE...
!
I DON'T MIND, COUNT. GO AHEAD AND LET HER TRY.

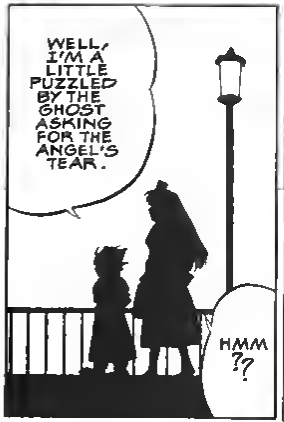
BUT I'D LIKE TO HAVE A LOOK AT THIS EXORCISM, MYSELF.
HO HO HO. THAT'S FINE WITH ME, LITTLE BOY.

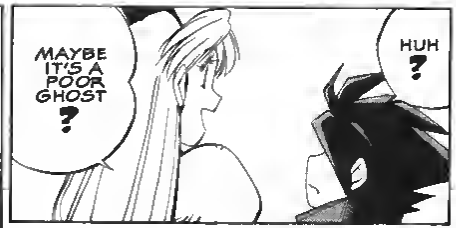

O-OKAY. TAKE GOOD CARE OF MY LITTLE GIRL.
OF COURSE. LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME.

YOUR DAUGHTER'S EXORCISM WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE WEEK IS OUT!

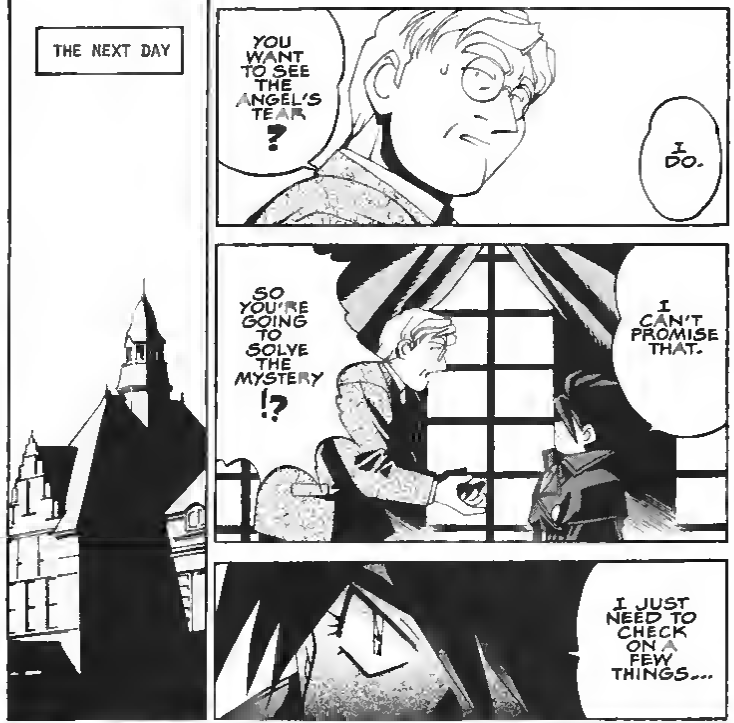
WHY DID YOU GIVE HER THE CASE SO EASILY?
I DIDN'T GIVE HER THE CASE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ??
VROOOM

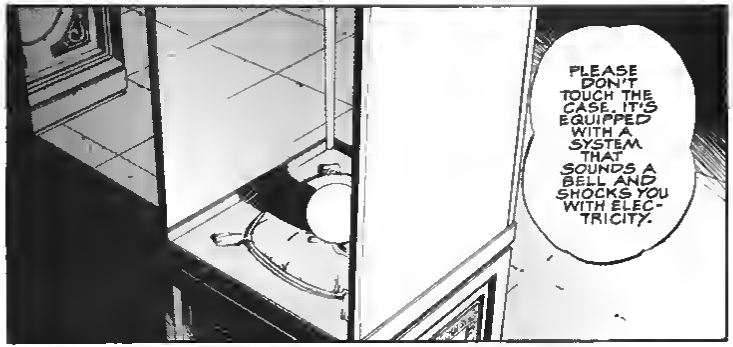
IF THIS IS ACTUALLY A HAUNTING THEN MAYBE THAT WOMAN CAN PERFORM THE EXORCISM.
RIGHT ??
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "ACTUALLY" ??
YOU'RE SAYING THIS IS PART OF SOMEONE'S PLOT?


WELL, I'M A LITTLE PUZZLED BY THE GHOST ASKING FOR THE ANGEL'S TEAR.
HMM ??

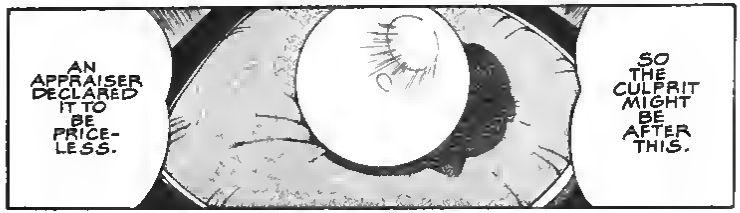

MAYBE IT'S A POOR GHOST ?
HUH ?

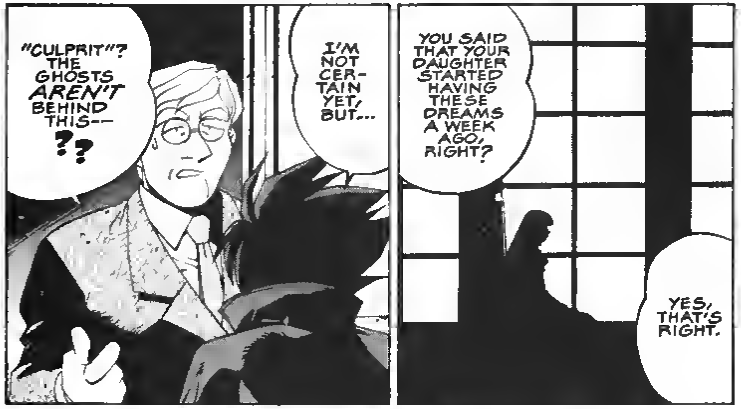
HA HA HAA... THAT'S A GOOD ONE!
BONG BONG
WHAT IS !?


THE NEXT DAY
YOU WANT TO SEE THE ANGEL'S TEAR ?
I DO.
SO YOU'RE GOING TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY !?
I CAN'T PROMISE THAT.
I JUST NEED TO CHECK ON A FEW THINGS...


PLEASE DON'T TOUCH THE CASE. IT'S EQUIPPED WITH A SYSTEM THAT SOUNDS A BELL AND SHOCKS YOU WITH ELECTRICITY.

SO THAT'S THE ANGEL'S TEAR?
IT'S THE LARGEST PEARL I'VE EVER SEEN.
DON'T MISTAKE IT FOR ANYTHING AS CHEAP AS A DIAMOND.
ITS SIZE GIVES IT ITS VALUE.


AN APPRAISER DECLARED IT TO BE PRICE-LESS.
SO THE CULPRIT MIGHT BE AFTER THIS.


"CULPRIT"? THE GHOSTS AREN'T BEHIND THIS--??
I'M NOT CER-TAIN YET, BUT...
YOU SAID THAT YOUR DAUGHTER STARTED HAVING THESE DREAMS A WEEK AGO, RIGHT?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

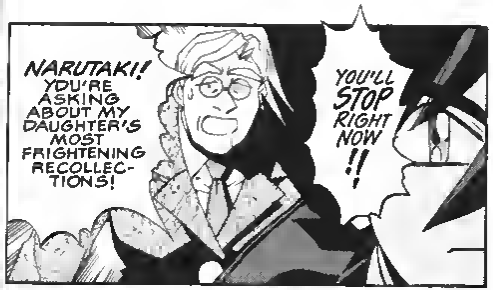
DID SOME-THING UNUSUAL HAPPEN A WEEK AGO?
A WEEK AGO...?

WELL, IT WAS HARUNA'S... MY DAUGHTER'S BIRTH-DAY.
!!

DID SHE RECEIVE ANY PRESENTS?
OF COURSE. QUITE A FEW.
HOW MANY?
SOME-WHERE BETWEEN 150 AND 160.
150...
I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT FROM A DAUGHTER OF NOBILITY!

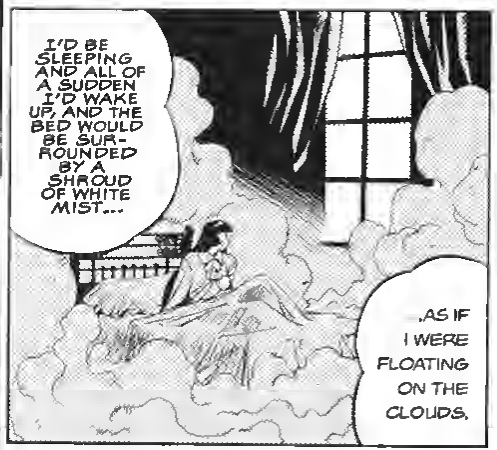
SHE LOVES FLOWERS, SO MOST OF HER PRESENTS WERE BOUQUETS.
DO YOU MIND IF I TALK TO HER?
IF YOU MUST...

I NEED TO KNOW THE DETAILS OF YOUR DREAMS. TELL ME ABOUT IT JUST THIS ONCE AND I WON'T ASK AGAIN.
ALL RIGHT...
DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING STRANGE WHEN THE SKELETON APPEARED?


NARUTAKI! YOU'RE ASKING ABOUT MY DAUGHTER'S MOST FRIGHTENING RECOLLECTIONS!
YOU'LL STOP RIGHT NOW!!

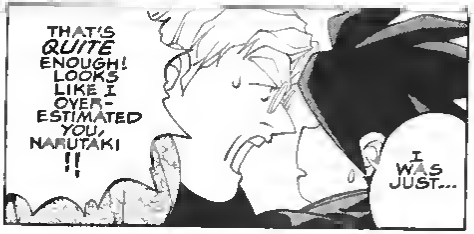
HUH...

PLEASE TELL ME.


I'D BE SLEEPING AND ALL OF A SUDDEN I'D WAKE UP, AND THE BED WOULD BE SURROUNDED BY A SHROUD OF WHITE MIST...
...AS IF I WERE FLOATING ON THE CLOUDS.

THEN I'D HEAR A CLATTERING OF BONES AND THE SKELETONS WOULD START TO CLOSE IN ON ME...
SAYING "GIVE US THE ANGEL'S TEAR!" THEN I... I...

SNIF

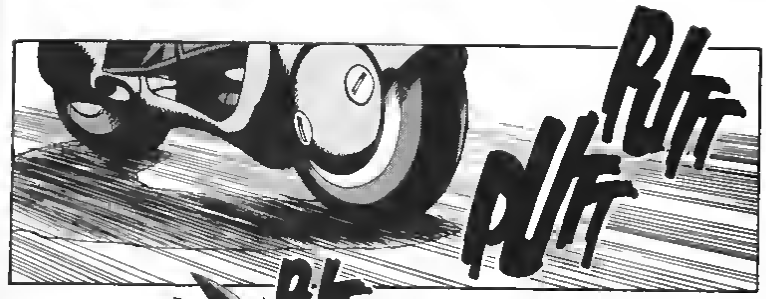

THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH! LOOKS LIKE I OVERESTIMATED YOU, NARUTAKI!!
I WAS JUST...

NO ONE WILL TORMENT MY DAUGHTER! NOT EVEN GOD! UNDERSTAND!?!
LEAVE, NOW!

!

COUNT AYANOKOJI, THOSE FLOWERS...
YES, ANOTHER GIFT! NOW YOU WILL LEAVE!!
POMP
WHAT A NUISANCE THAT KID IS!!
HA HAA HAA

HE IS JUST A CHILD, AFTER ALL.
HE'S USELESS, IF YOU ASK ME. WE MUST MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S EXORCISM. ONCE THAT IS FINISHED, YOUR DAUGHTER WILL BE FREE.
YES. WE'LL BE READY...
SNIF SNIF


RUFF
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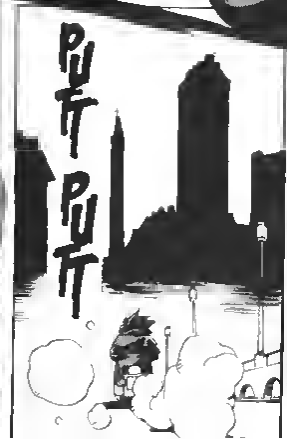
THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO COME TOGETHER, WITH ONE EXCEPTION-
HMM.
FIRST THINGS FIRST. I HAVE TO DEVELOP THESE MINI-PHOTOS.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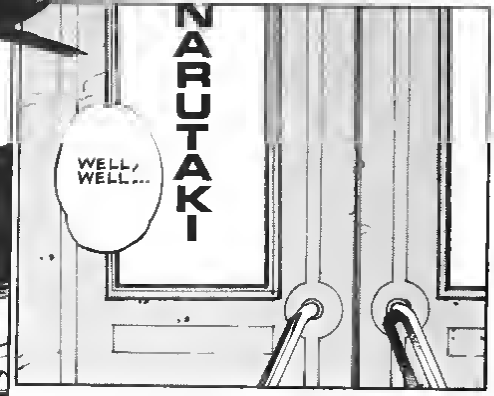
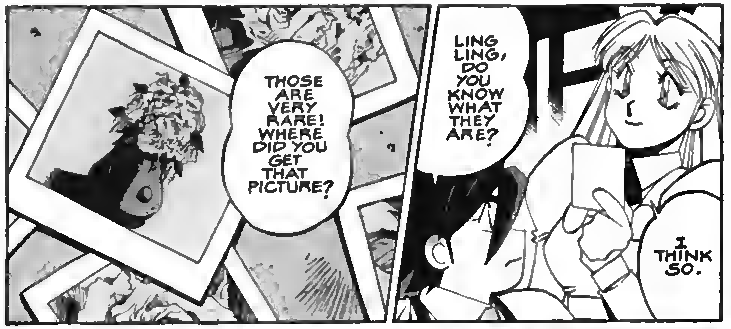
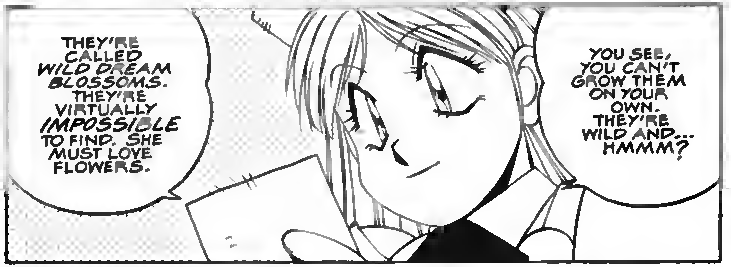
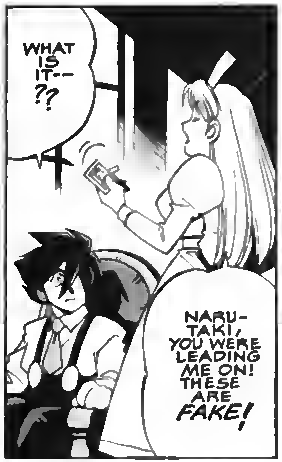

NARUTAKI
WELL, WELL...


THOSE ARE VERY RARE! WHERE DID YOU GET THAT PICTURE?
LING LING, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ARE?
I THINK SO.


THEY'RE CALLED WILD DREAM BLOSSOMS. THEY'RE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND. SHE MUST LOVE FLOWERS.
YOU SEE, YOU CAN'T GROW THEM ON YOUR OWN. THEY'RE WILD AND... HMMM?


WHAT IS IT-- ??
NARU-TAKI, YOU WERE LEADING ME ON! THESE ARE FAKE!

LING LING, ARE YOU SURE !?!
HUH? OF COURSE !

LOOK AT THESE PETALS. THEY'VE STILL GOT THE PLASTIC EDGES AT THE END, SEE?
IT'S CALLED PLASTIC SPREW.

KAWA-KUBO, COME HERE !

YES, SIR.
HAVE THIS PHOTO ANALYZED BY X-RAY.

OF COURSE, SIR. YOU'LL HAVE THE RESULTS IN FOUR HOURS.

IF I READ THIS RIGHT, THIS CASE WILL BE EASY TO SOLVE.
?

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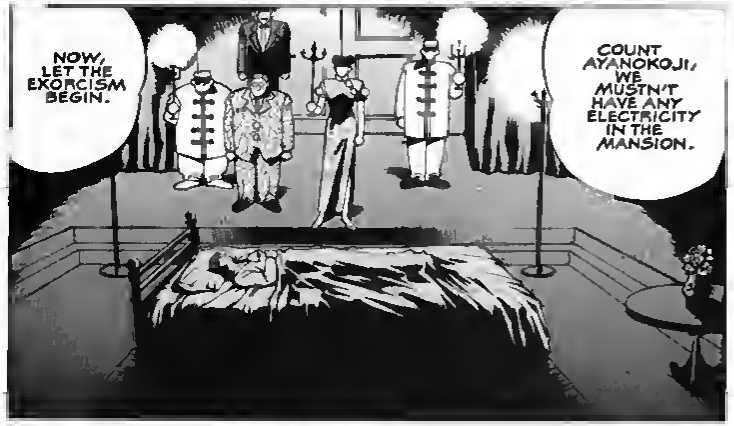
DONG

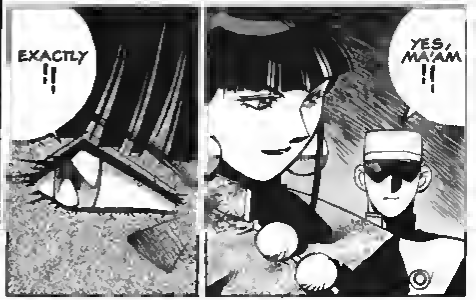

NOW, LET THE EXORCISM BEGIN.
COUNT AYANOKOJI, WE MUSTN'T HAVE ANY ELECTRICITY IN THE MANSION.

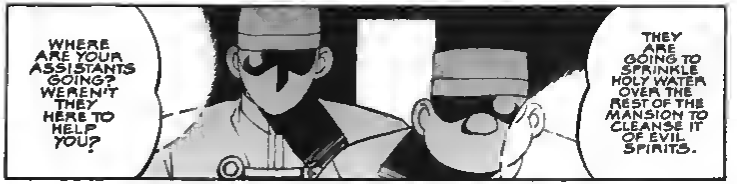
ALL RIGHT.
YES, SIR.
CONTACT THE STEAM ELECTRIC COMPANY AND HAVE THEM SHUT OFF OUR ELECTRICITY IMMEDIATELY!

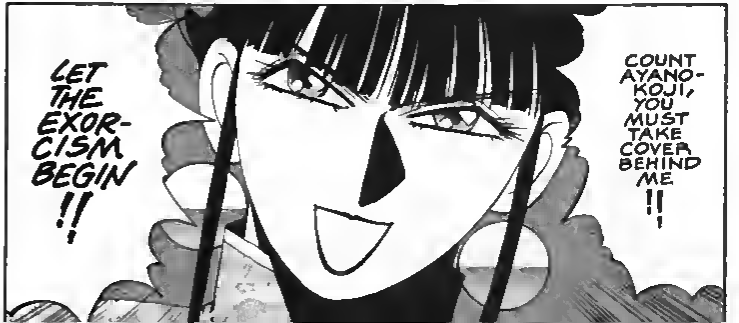
VUZU...

NOW THAT WE HAVE ELIMINATED ALL HUMAN GENERATED ENERGIES...
...THE GHOSTS HAUNTING YOUR DAUGHTER SHOULD APPEAR.

THAT IS WHEN THE BATTLE WILL BEGIN!
SO WHEN YOU DEFEAT THEM, MY DAUGHTER WILL BE FREE!?


EXACTLY!!
YES, MA'AM!!


WHERE ARE YOUR ASSISTANTS GOING? WEREN'T THEY HERE TO HELP YOU?
THEY ARE GOING TO SPRINKLE HOLY WATER OVER THE REST OF THE MANSION TO CLEANSE IT OF EVIL SPIRITS.


LET THE EXORCISM BEGIN!!
COUNT AYANOKOJI, YOU MUST TAKE COVER BEHIND ME!!

SKRRR EEE
DAT'S THE TICKET!
THE SECURITY SYSTEM'S BEEN CUT OFF, SO LET'S GO FOR IT!
FSH OOO
FSH OOO
WHAT IS THIS? SMOKE? FOG?
MY LORD, THEY'RE COMING!!
CRATTA
CRATTA
CRATTA
AA--!
AAAA AAHHH! THEY'RE HERE!!

TH-THERE THEY ARE!!
DON'T WORRY!!
I EXOR-CISE YOU IN THE NAME OF GOD!!
FSH
GHRAAHHHHHHH
GHR RRAAA AHHHH
THEY'RE GONE!!
DO YOU SEE THE EXTENT OF MY POWERS?
ALL RIGHT, WE GOT IT!
DON'T DROP IT!
HUH??
WHERE'S THIS SMOKE COMIN' FROM?
C'MON, HURRY UP!
FSHAAA

!
SSSHA AA SSSHAAAA

YAAA AHH!
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY DON'T THE SKELETONS DIS-APPEAR ?!?

CRATTA
CRATTA
CRATTA
THAT CAN'T BE HAPPEN-ING...

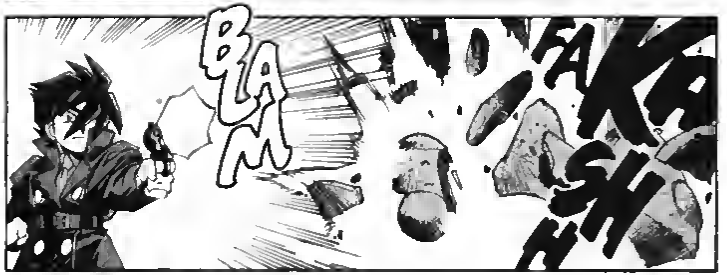
WHAT IS IT--??
SHUT UP!

HA HAHA HAHA HAA!
WHO IS THAT !?!

THOSE SKELE-TONS WILL NEVER DIS-APPEAR...
...UNTIL I TURN OFF THE PROJECTOR, THAT IS.

NARU-TAKI !!
PRO-JECTOR? WHAT DOES HE MEAN ?
THESE SKELETONS, MY LORD, WERE NOTHING BUT IMAGES PROJECTED ONTO SMOKE.

AND THE PROJECTOR IS HIDDEN IN THAT VASE OF ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS!
AS PROMISED, I WILL NOW EXORCISE THOSE GHOSTS.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WHY, THEY WERE...
URR GHH..

CRATTA CRATTA CRATTA
SO...
...YOU SEE? THERE NEVER WERE ANY GHOSTS! IT WAS ALL AN ELABORATE HOAX!
BUT WHAT ABOUT MY DAUGHTER'S NIGHT-MARES?
HUH...??

YOUR DAUGHTER WASN'T DREAMING. THEY SIMPLY MADE HER THINK SHE WAS DREAMING. THE CLATTERING OF SKELETON BONES WAS ACTUALLY THE PROJECTOR.
THE VASE ALSO CONTAINED TWO AEROSOLS, ONE WITH A STIMULANT TO WAKE HER UP, AND ONE WITH A SEDATIVE TO PUT HER BACK TO SLEEP.

AFTER YOUR DAUGHTER FELL ASLEEP, THE AEROSOL WITH THE STIMULANT WOULD BE ACTIVATED BY REMOTE CONTROL. SHE WOULD THEN LOOK AROUND THE ROOM IN A DAZE, AND SMOKE WOULD DRIFT THROUGH THE VENTS.
THE SMOKE WOULD ACT AS A SCREEN FOR THE FILM GIVING THE APPEARANCE THAT SKELETONS WERE IN THE ROOM. THEN THE SEDATIVE WOULD BE SPRAYED AND SHE'D FALL BACK TO SLEEP.
THESE EVENTS WOULD REPEAT NIGHT AFTER NIGHT. BUT SHE WASN'T DREAMING.

WHAT SHE WAS SEEING WAS REALITY.
AND THE ONE WHO SENT THESE FLOWERS MUST HAVE BEEN...
...YOU, RIGHT??
W-WHAT?
AMONG ALL THE FLOWERS SHE RECEIVED AS PRESENTS, THE WILD DREAM BLOSSOMS WOULD HAVE CAUGHT HER EYE.
EVERYONE KNOWS HOW MUCH SHE LOVES FLOWERS, AND EVEN THOUGH THESE WERE ARTI-FICIAL, SHE'D STILL KEEP THEM CLOSE!
ARTI-FICIAL FLOWERS WOULD NEVER WILT AND NEED TO BE RE-PLACED, SO THEY WOULD ALWAYS BE NEAR HER.
WELL, WELL, WELL. I GUESS I DON'T HAVE MUCH LEFT...

!!
...TO HIDE !!
FWOOO SSHH

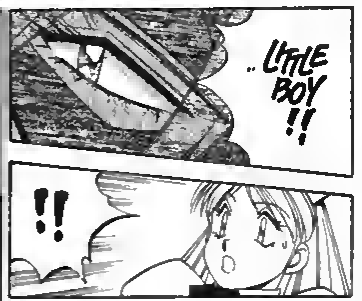
IT'S TRUE, THE ANGEL'S TEAR WAS ONE OF MY OBJECTIVES.
BUT THEN A PEST STARTED INTERFERING AND I REALIZED THAT IF I DEFEATED HIM, AND STOLE THE PEARL FROM UNDER HIS NOSE...
...THEN MY NAME WOULD BE WHISPERED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!
I'D BE KNOWN AS THE BEAUTIFUL THIEF WHO DEFEATED THE FAMOUS WONDER BOY DETECTIVE! THAT WAY I'D KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!!

FATHER !!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, HARUNA !!
PERHAPS, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR STONE...
...HAS MISSED BOTH BIRDS.

YOU MAY BE SURPRISED. YOU SEE, BY NOW MY ASSISTANTS SHOULD HAVE THE ANGEL'S TEAR SAFELY...
..IN MY HANDS.
WHAT !?!
THUMP

WE CAPTURED THESE TWO.
SORRY, BOSS...
AND THE ANGEL'S TEAR IS NO WORSE FOR WEAR.
EH AAAAA

WHAT'LL YOU DO NOW ?!
HA HA HA HA HAA! YOU UNDERESTIMATE ME...


..LITTLE BOY !!
!!

WU OOSH
FW
AIII EEE!
LING LING !!
RR RR

HW UMP
UMP
OUCH !!

DON'T JUST LIE THERE !
LET'S MAKE OUR ESCAPE !!
TMP TMP
B-B-BOSS...

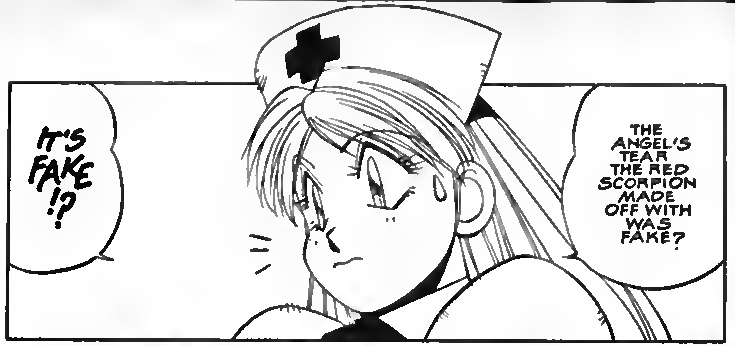
STKR RZH

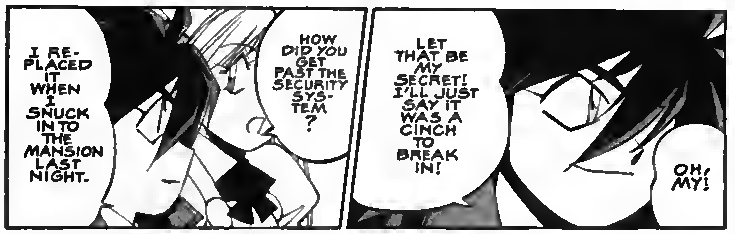
STOP!
OH UAM
O-OKAY!
LING LING! GORIKI! GET OUTSIDE !!
FWJMP
RRR RR

MY LORD! WHERE ARE THE STAIRS TO THE ROOF!?
O-OVER THERE...
PANT PANT
TMP TMP TMP

!!
FW
EEEEEE

I FORGOT TO INTRO-DUCE MYSELF, LITTLE BOY...
I AM THE LADY THIEF-- RED SCORPION !!
RED SCORPION...
TELL ME ONE LAST THING...
HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO GET TO THE PROJECTOR AND CHANGE THE REMOTE CONTROL FRE-QUENCY?
FWEEE




I RE-PLACED IT WHEN I SNUCK IN TO THE MANSION LAST NIGHT.
HOW DID YOU GET PAST THE SECURITY SYS-TEM?
LET THAT BE MY SECRET! I'LL JUST SAY IT WAS A CINCH TO BREAK IN!
OH, MY!

SO THE ANGEL'S TEAR IS SAFE AND THE COUNT'S DAUGHTER WON'T BE HAVING ANY MORE NIGHTMARES.
FWUMP
FWUMP
FWUMP
THE RED SCORPION, ON THE OTHER HAND, MAY BE HAVING A NIGHTMARE RIGHT NOW.
WHAT'S THIS !?!
IT'S JUST A PAINTED GLASS BALL !??

STEAM DETECTIVES PRESS

Pearls Are Worth More Than Diamonds!!

Dealers all over the world claim that pearls are more precious than diamonds. In fact, a quick check of prices reveals that all sea products including fish, seaweed, shrimp and crab are extremely rare.
This is due, of course, to the fact that the ratio of water to land is extremely low. The 65% land to 35% water ratio will ensure that, even though the land is rich in coal, there is a shortage of sea goods.
Comparing the price of pearls to the annual salary of an average office worker, artificially induced pearls will cost 20 times his pay, while natural pearls may cost up to 200 times his annual income. This explains the Red Scorpion's interest since the Angel's Tear was more than just extremely expensive, it is, in fact, priceless. There are only 17 giant pearls like the Angel's Tear in the world. And since there is no doubt that thieves like the Red Scorpion will be targeting these pearls, we hope the police will increase their vigilence with respect to these treasures.

THE ANGEL'S TEAR PEARL IN ITS HIGH-SECURITY EXHIBIT

THE IMPERIAL MUSEUM HOSTS A BROTH COOANTE EXHIBITION

The work of the modern genius artist, Broth Codante, will be exhibited at the Imperial Museum between April 25th and May 30th. Broth debuted his works at sixteen, and in his first year he won every prestigious artistic award. This exhibition commemorates the tenth anniversary of his first public exhibition. There will be 100 paintings displayed along with sketches that have never been displayed before. A special corner has been reserved for photos documenting the production of this exhibition. Broth will speak at both the opening and closing ceremonies, and the exhibition will also include seminars, auctions, and autograph sessions.
This is a must for Broth fans. For more information contact the Imperial Museum at C-33251Z-159259.

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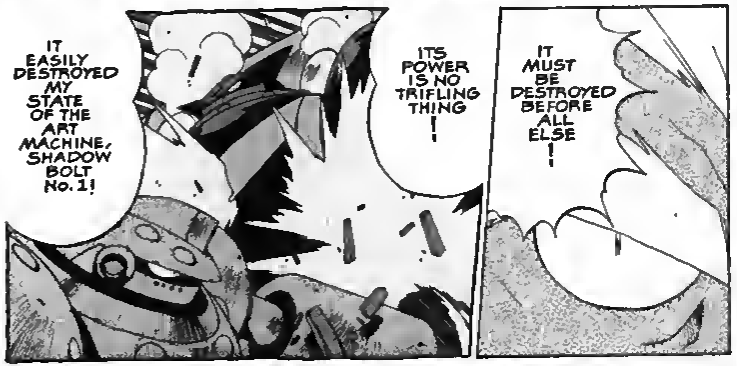
RRRR
GGHH
RRGG
GGHH
KRITCH
HA HA HA HA HAA! MY EXPERIMENT WAS A SUCCESS!
I'M THAT MUCH CLOSER TO MY LIFELONG DREAM OF RULING THE WORLD!
RRRR
GHH
RRG
HOW-EVER...

...THERE'S THAT MEGATON ROBOT CREATED BY MY NEMESIS DOCTOR HSU...
...GORIKI!


IT EASILY DESTROYED MY STATE OF THE ART MACHINE, SHADOW BOLT No. 1!
ITS POWER IS NO TRIFLING THING!
IT MUST BE DESTROYED BEFORE ALL ELSE!

BEFORE IT ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT ME FROM FULFILLING MY DREAM OF RULING THE WORLD!!
JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE, GORIKI! I'LL TURN YOU INTO SCRAP METAL FOR THE JUNKYARD!!
RWGH
RRR
RW
GGHH

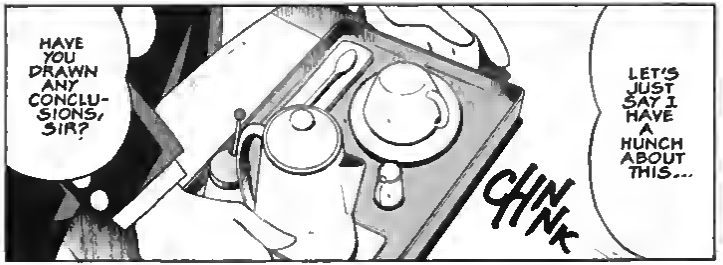
CASE 7, PART 1
THE TERROR OF THE DEVIL'S TORNADO
I, DR. GUILTY, SHALL NEVER FAIL!! HA HA HA HA HAA HA HA!!
WRRWGGTH
RR
WRGGRTH
RRRWGGTH

FSAT
STEAM PRESS
The Bl
Strike
THREE DAYS IN A ROW NOW, HMM...

YOU'RE RE-FERRING TO THE TORNADOES, SIR?
UH-HUH.

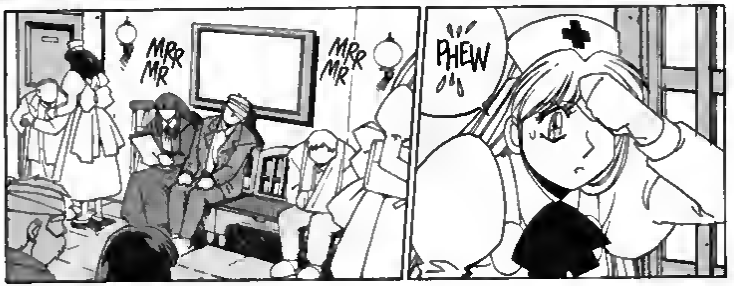
WHAT I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
...IS HOW THEY APPEAR EVERY DAY AND LAST ONLY TEN MINUTES.

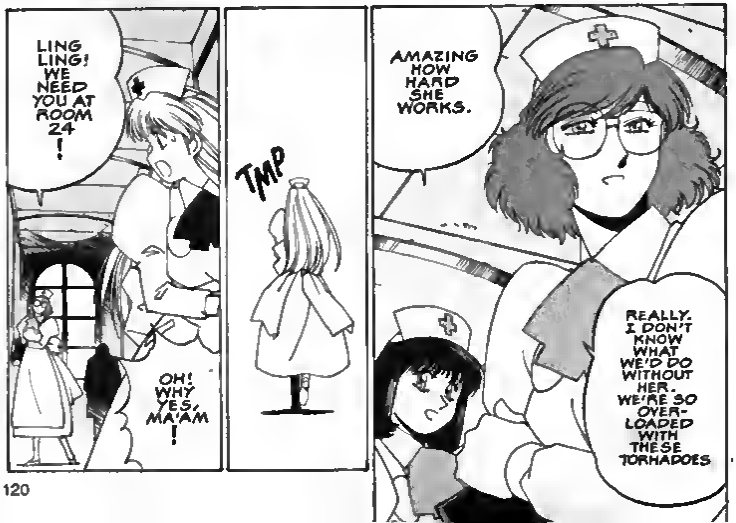
I'LL HAVE TO GET DETAILS FROM INSPECTOR YAGAMI ABOUT THIS.

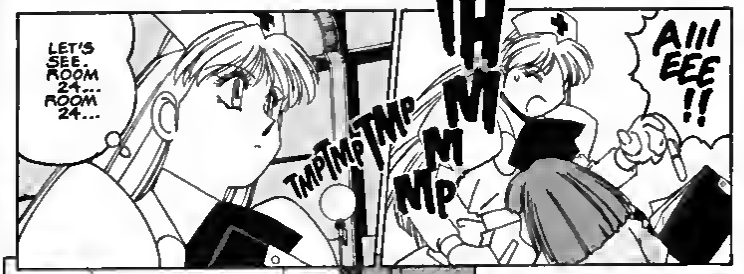

HAVE YOU DRAWN ANY CONCLU-SIONS, SIR?
CHNK
LET'S JUST SAY I HAVE A HUNCH ABOUT THIS...

HEY, I HAVEN'T SEEN LING LING AROUND TODAY.

MISS LING LING HAS EMPLOYED HERSELF AS A VOLUNTEER NURSE FOR THE TORNADO VICTIMS.
I SEE...


MRR MR
MRR MR
PHEW


LING LING! WE NEED YOU AT ROOM 24 !
OH! WHY YES, MA'AM !
TMP
AMAZING HOW HARD SHE WORKS.
REALLY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'D DO WITHOUT HER. WE'RE SO OVER-LOADED WITH THESE TORNADOES


LET'S SEE. ROOM 24... ROOM 24...
TMPTMPTMP
TH M M MP
AIII EEE !!

OWWW
WHAT WAS THAT ??
ARE--
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ??
I'M FINE, BUT THERE'S NO RUNNING THROUGH HALLS IN THE HOSPITAL.
I'M SORRY.

I'VE GOT YOU NOW, KAREN! YOU'RE TRYING TO ESCAPE AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE IN NO CONDITION TO MOVE RIGHT NOW!
I KNOW, BUT...
LET'S GO BACK TO OUR ROOM.
!
UH-OH.
KAREN, YOU FORGOT SOMETHING. HERE!
THANK YOU.
ISN'T THAT NICE, KAREN?
BYE-BYE!
.....

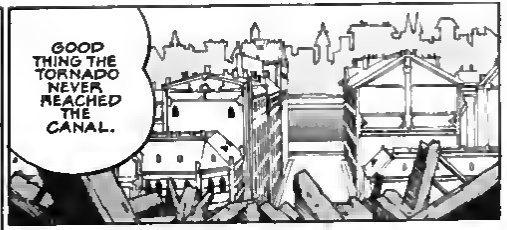
THE DAMAGE IS WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.
THESE TORNADOES MAY BE SMALL, BUT THEY'RE QUITE DESTRUCTIVE
INSPECTOR YAGAMI, HAS EVERYONE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR?
FOR THE MOST PART. WE STILL HAVE A FEW MISSING PERSONS.
WELL, I HOPE THEY'RE FOUND SOON.
!
FWEEEE

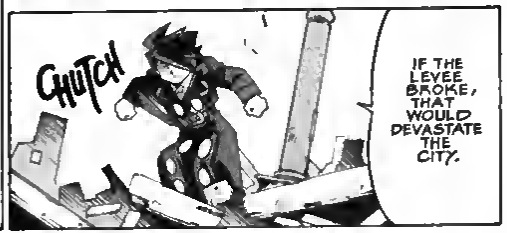
WHAT IS IT, NARUTAKI ?!?
TMP TMP
HOLD ON!
.....!!

FW EEE EEE
FW EEE

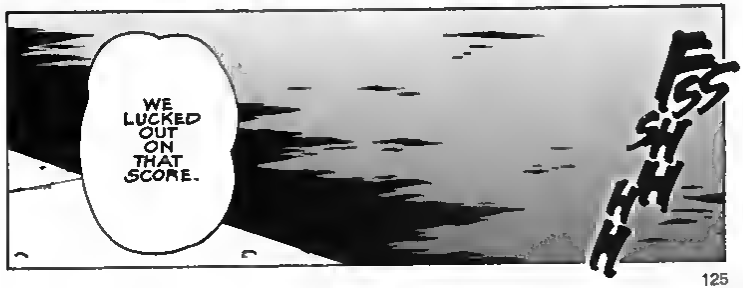
DO TOR-NADOES USUALLY...
...LEAVE TRACKS THIS CLEARLY MARKED?

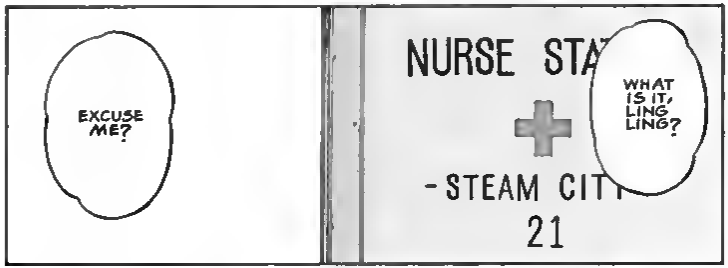
HUH...

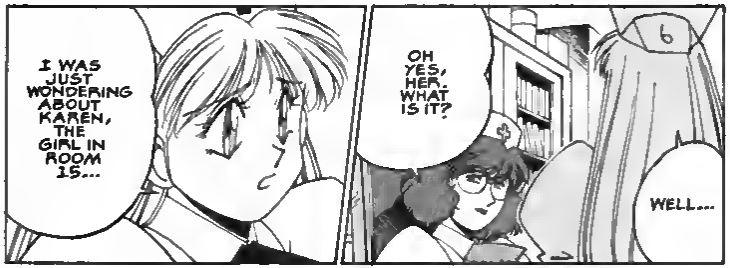

GOOD THING THE TORNADO NEVER REACHED THE CANAL.


CHUTCH
IF THE LEVEE BROKE, THAT WOULD DEVASTATE THE CITY.

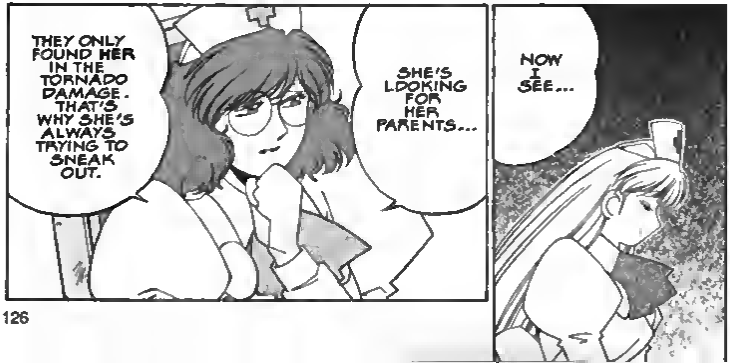
I'LL SAY. THE CITY COULDN'T FUNCTION WITHOUT THE CANAL.
EVERY-ONE'S LIVES DEPEND ON IT.
YOU'RE RIGHT.


WE LUCKED OUT ON THAT SCORE.
FSSSHHH


EXCUSE ME?
NURSE STA
- STEAM CITY
21
WHAT IS IT, LING LING?


I WAS JUST WONDERING ABOUT KAREN, THE GIRL IN ROOM 15...
OH YES, HER. WHAT IS IT?
WELL...

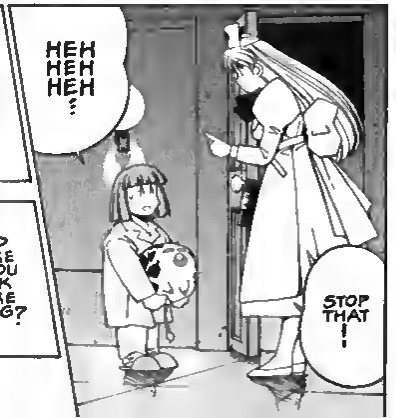
I KEPT MY EYES OPEN FOR THEM TODAY, BUT... I NEVER SAW HER PARENTS, WHICH MADE ME WONDER...
YES... THEY'RE MISSING.

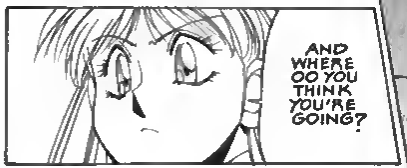

THEY ONLY FOUND HER IN THE TORNADO DAMAGE. THAT'S WHY SHE'S ALWAYS TRYING TO SNEAK OUT.
SHE'S LOOKING FOR HER PARENTS...
NOW I SEE...

KACHAK

SHHH
HEY, YOU!
DUMP
!!

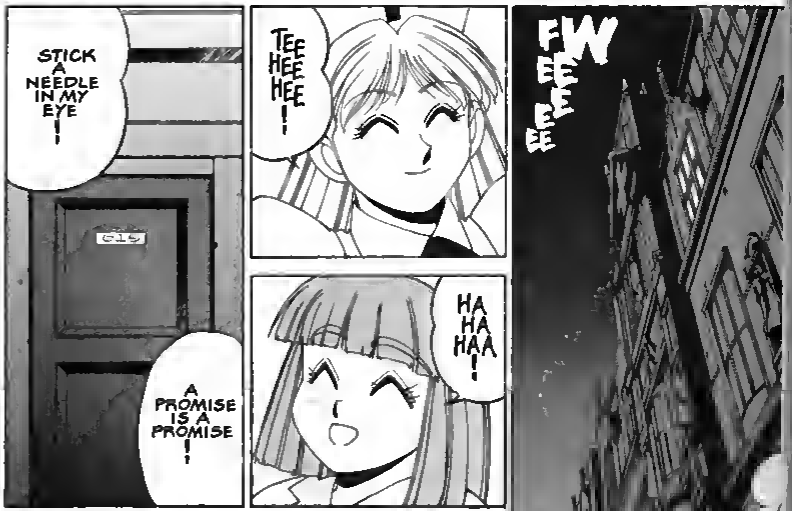
OH, IT'S YOU...


HEH HEH HEH
STOP THAT!


AND WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

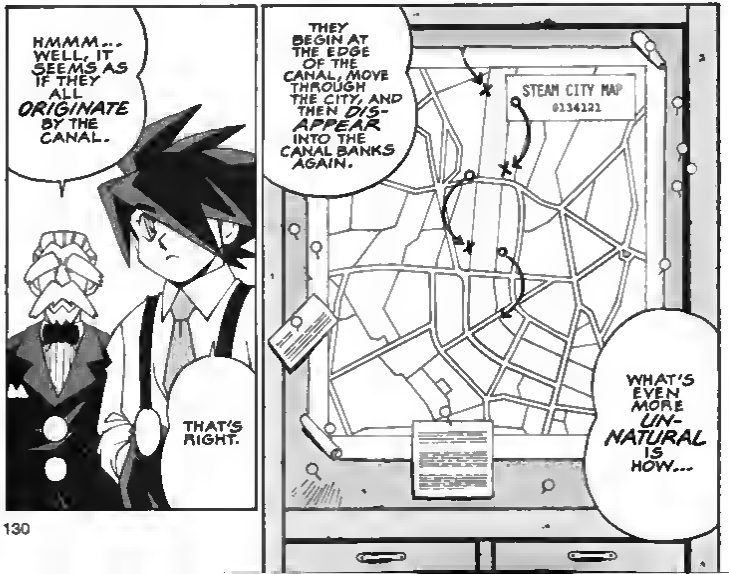
I UHDER-STAND...
...BUT YOU HAVE TO GET WELL FIRST.
BUT--
WHY DON'T YOU LET ME FIND YOUR PARENTS.
HUH ??
DON'T WORRY! I WORK FOR THE BEST DETECTIVE IN TOWN!
I'LL FIND YOUR PARENTS AND BRING THEM RIGHT TO YOU!
THMP
REALLY ??

REALLY! SO YOU HAVE TO GET WELL BEFORE YOU SEE THEM! RIGHT?
UH-HUH. I PROMISE I WILL.
OKAY, SO IT'S A PROMISE.
CROSS MY HEART AND HOPE TO DIE.


STICK A NEEDLE IN MY EYE!
A PROMISE IS A PROMISE!
TEE HEE HEE!
HA HA HAA!
FWEEEEEE

NARUTAKI
AGENCY
DETECTIVE
I ASKED THE INSPECTOR FOR INFORMATION ON THE PATH OF THE TORNADOES.

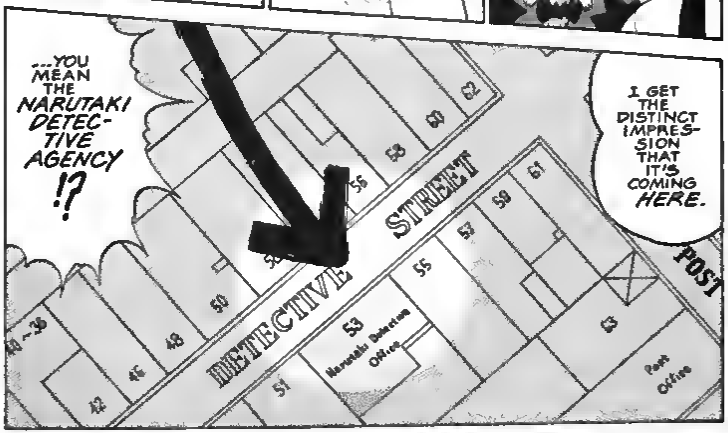
I'VE MARKED THEM ON THIS MAP.
SKWEE
SKWEE
SKWEE
THAT'S THE LOT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, KAWAKUBO?

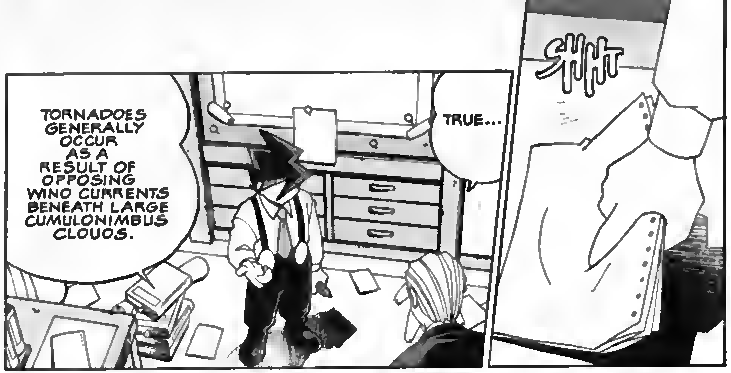

HMMM... WELL, IT SEEMS AS IF THEY ALL ORIGINATE BY THE CANAL.
THAT'S RIGHT.
THEY BEGIN AT THE EDGE OF THE CANAL, MOVE THROUGH THE CITY, AND THEN DISAPPEAR INTO THE CANAL BANKS AGAIN.
STEAM CITY MAP
0134121
WHAT'S EVEN MORE UNNATURAL IS HOW...

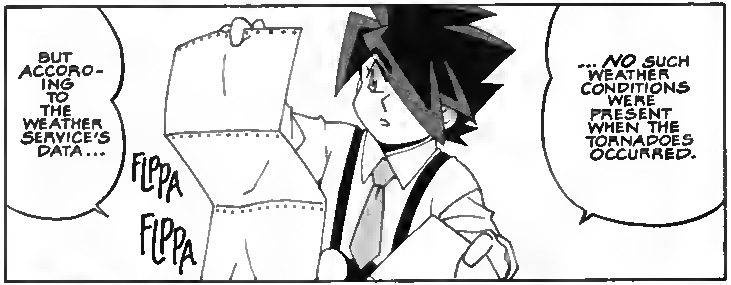
...THE SERIES OF TORNADOES SEEMS TO BE AIMED SOMEWHERE!
ONE LOOK AT THE MAP MAKES IT OBVIOUS.

AND WHAT IS ITS DESTINATION, SIR?
WELL...

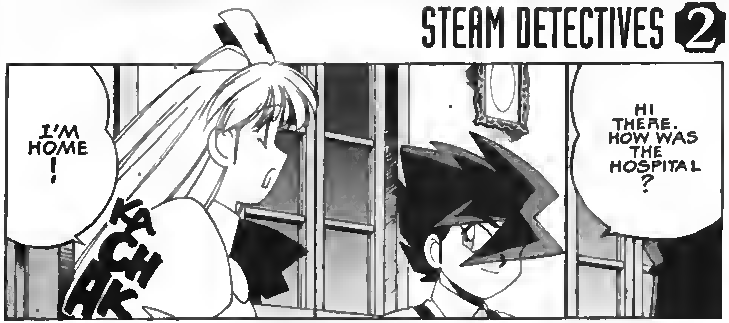
...IF WE FOLLOW THE TRAJECTORY AND THE AVERAGE DISTANCE, THEN...
SKWEE
SKWEE
SKWEE
...I THINK IT'S COMING RIGHT HERE.
SKWEE
WHEN YOU SAY "HERE"...

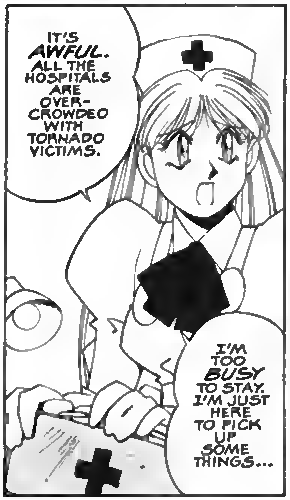

...YOU MEAN THE NARUTAKI DETECTIVE AGENCY!?
I GET THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT IT'S COMING HERE.
DETECTIVE STREET
POST
Narutaki Detective Office
Post Office

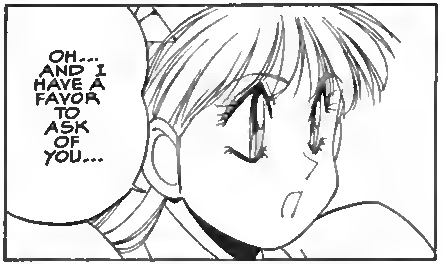

TORNADOES GENERALLY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF OPPOSING WIND CURRENTS BENEATH LARGE CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS.
TRUE...
SHIIT

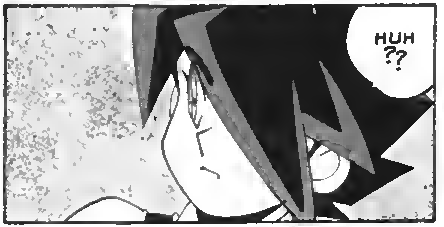

BUT ACCORDING TO THE WEATHER SERVICE'S DATA...
FLIPPA
FLIPPA
...NO SUCH WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE PRESENT WHEN THE TORNADOES OCCURRED.

MEANING THAT--
JUDGING FROM THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I'D SAY THESE TORNADOES ARE ARTIFICIAL!


I'M HOME!
KACHAK
HI THERE. HOW WAS THE HOSPITAL?


IT'S AWFUL. ALL THE HOSPITALS ARE OVER-CROWDED WITH TORNADO VICTIMS.
I'M TOO BUSY TO STAY. I'M JUST HERE TO PICK UP SOME THINGS...


OH... AND I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU...

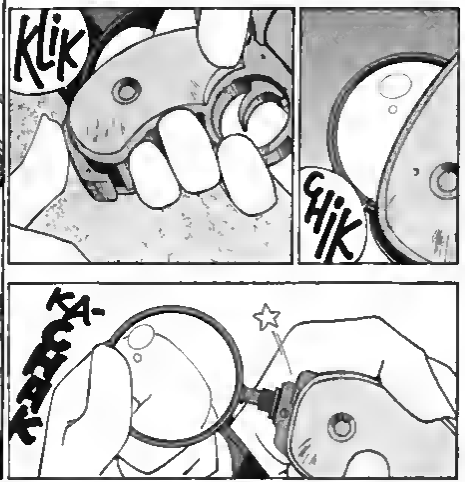

HUH??

SO HER MOTHER AND FATHER...
IF YOU FIND ANYTHING, TELL ME AS SOON AS YOU CAN!
I'LL TRY TO LOOK FOR THEM, TOO!
I'D BE GLAD TO HELP.
THANKS.
I JUST CAN'T STAND IT WHEN PEOPLE LOSE THEIR PARENTS LIKE I DID.
NOBODY ELSE SHOULD SUFFER THAT LOSS. YOU, GORIKI AND KAWAKUBO ARE THERE FOR ME NOW, BUT KAREN...IF HER PARENTS AREN'T FOUND...

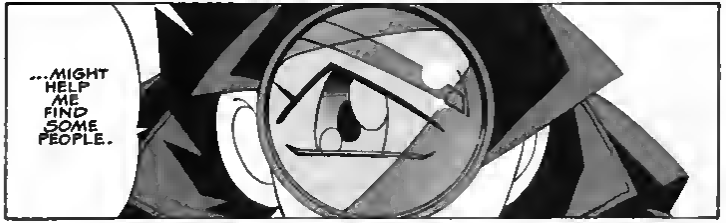
SHE'LL BE ALL ALONE...
....
WE BOTH KNOW HOW TERRIBLE IT IS TO BECOME AN ORPHAN.
WE'LL MAKE SURE SHE WON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT.
WELL THEN...
...I'M HEADED BACK TO THE HOSPITAL.
HEY!
WHAT'S WRONG, LING LING?
THIS...

WHAT'S THIS ARROW POINTING AT OUR OFFICE? IT PASSES RIGHT THROUGH THE HOSPITAL WHERE I WORK.
WHAT!?
HUH ??
STR
140
142
HOSPITAL
21
.....

THE NEXT DAY...
KEY SHOP
FWEEEEEE


KLIK
CHIK
KA-CHET

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D WANT TO RE-EXAMINE THE WRECKAGE.
I'M LOOKING FOR SOME MORE EVIDENCE WHICH...

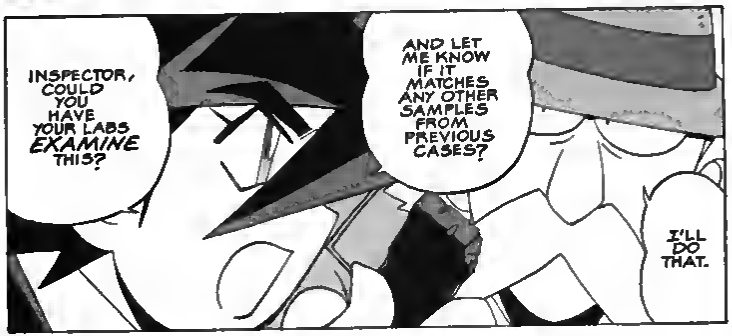

...MIGHT HELP ME FIND SOME PEOPLE.

!?
WHAT'S THIS?

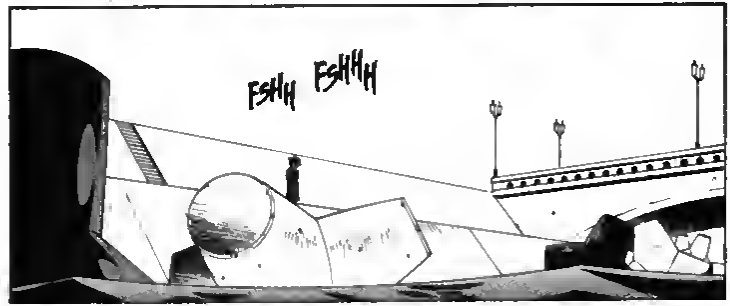
KRTCH
DID YOU FIND SOME-THING, NARU-TAKI?
KRTCH
.....

THIS PIECE OF METAL... IT DOESN'T LOOK FAMILIAR.
LET'S SEE...

IT'S VERY THICK FOR STANDARD METAL PLATING.
YES, IT IS.


INSPECTOR, COULD YOU HAVE YOUR LABS EXAMINE THIS?
AND LET ME KNOW IF IT MATCHES ANY OTHER SAMPLES FROM PREVIOUS CASES?
I'LL DO THAT.

THE TWISTERS ENDED AT THE CANALS. I'M GOING THERE.
ALL RIGHT.
FSSHHH

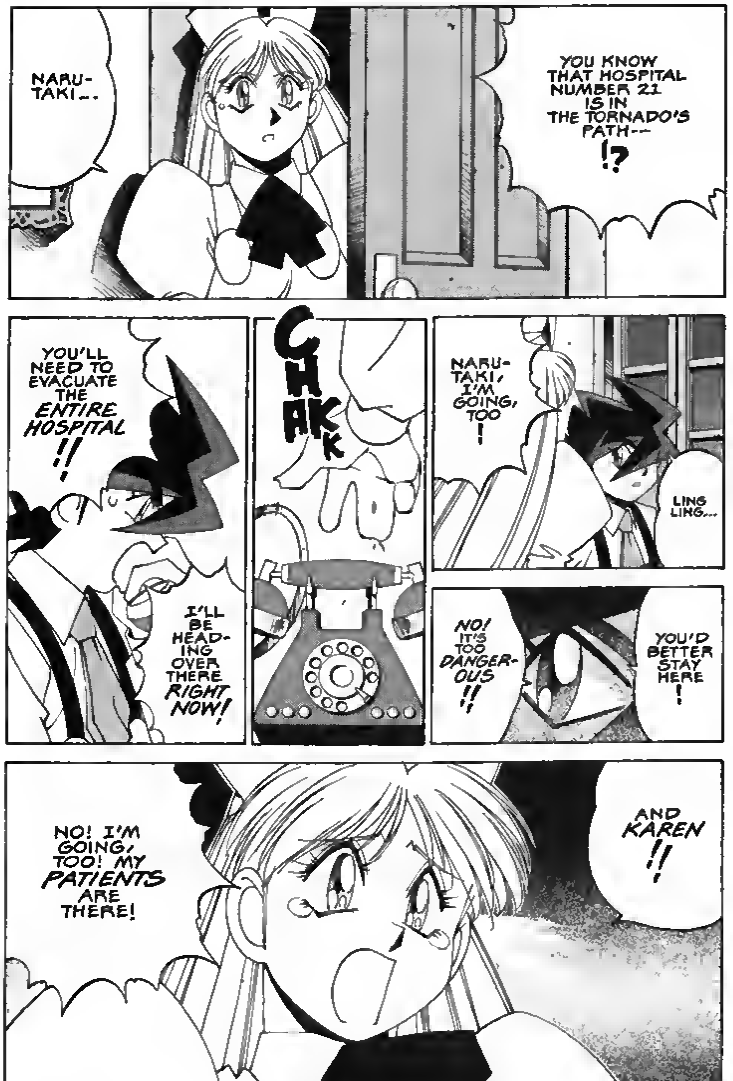

FSHH FSHHH

THERE'S NOTHING UN-USUAL HERE.
JUST THESE OLD BREAK-WATER BLOCKS THAT WERE DUMPED HERE.
I GUESS THAT'S WHY THE SHIPS CAN'T USE THE CANAL RIGHT NOW.

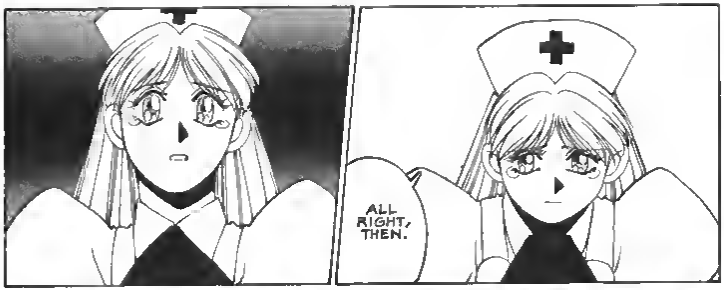
AWOOOAA
I'M HOME.
NABUTAKI
DETECTIVE
HELLO, LING LING.
LING LING...
SHE MUST BE EX-HAUSTED.
KAWA-KUBO, CAN I TALK TO YOU?

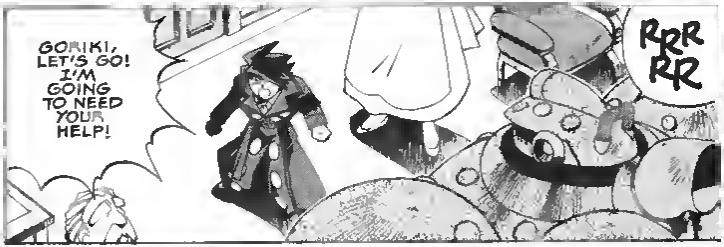
WSHH
VSSHHH
WW OOOSH
SHA
AAA
FSSHHH

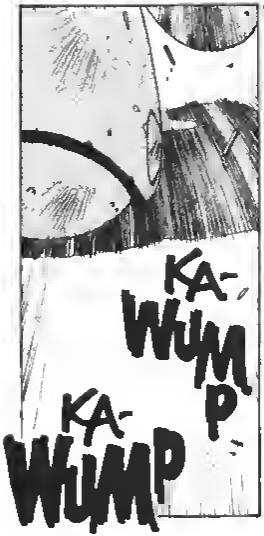
SIR, YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST.
MM. IN A BIT...
BRR RINGGG
HM!
BNK
NARU-TAKI DETEC-TIVE AG--
IMSPEC-TOR YAGAMI? GOOD EVENING.
ANOTHER TORNADO--!?
IT STARTED IN CANAL NUMBER 20, AND IS HEADING THIS WAY!? ...YEAH, I UNDER-STAND!

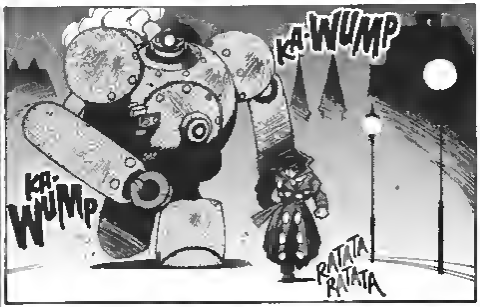

NARU-TAKI--
YOU KNOW THAT HOSPITAL NUMBER 21 IS IN THE TORNADO'S PATH--!?
YOU'LL NEED TO EVACUATE THE ENTIRE HOSPITAL!!
I'LL BE HEAD-ING OVER THERE RIGHT NOW!
CHAK
NARU-TAKI, I'M GOING, TOO!
LING LING...
NO! IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!!
YOU'D BETTER STAY HERE!
NO! I'M GOING, TOO! MY PATIENTS ARE THERE!
AND KAREN!!

DON'T WORRY, LING LING!
I PROMISE I'LL STOP THE TORNADO BEFORE IT HITS THE HOSPITAL! TRUST ME!
NARU-TAKI...


ALL RIGHT, THEN.


GORIKI, LET'S GO! I'M GOING TO NEED YOUR HELP!
RRR RR


KA-WUMP
KA-WUMP


KA-WUMP
KA-WUMP
RATATA RATATA

.....
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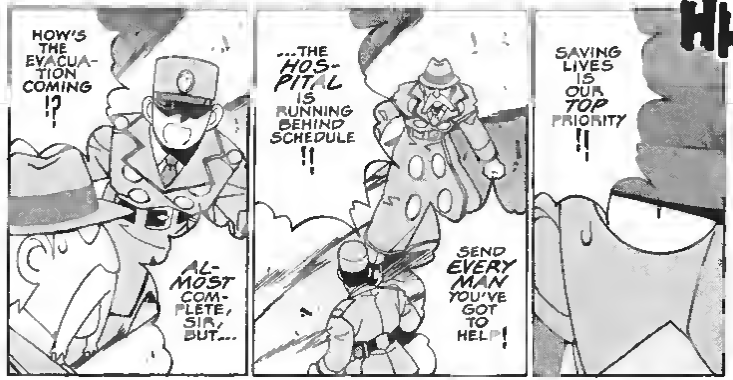
VWOHH
VWOHH
VWOHH
VWOHH
VWOHH
KRATA KRATA


HOW'S THE EVACUATION COMING !?
ALMOST COMPLETE, SIR, BUT...
...THE HOSPITAL IS RUNNING BEHIND SCHEDULE !!
SEND EVERY MAN YOU'VE GOT TO HELP !
SAVING LIVES IS OUR TOP PRIORITY !!

VWOOHH
VWOOHH
HA HA HA HA!

SOON! VERY SOON GORIKI WILL COME, AND THEN...
WUMP!
HUH!? WHAT'S THAT?
RRRR
TCHH
GORIKI!?!
WOOH
NARU-TAKI!!
VWOOHH
VWOOH
INSPEC-TOR! I HAVE A PLAN!
V-V-VERY WELL...
OH, THAT REQUEST YOU MADE--
HAVE YOUR OFFICERS FALL BACK IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS FOR THEM!
GORIKI!!! JUST AS WE PLANNED!!
RRRR
HA HA HAA! SO HE CAME ON HIS OWN TO GREET ME!!
I NEEDN'T WASTE THE EFFORT TO GO TO HIM!
CHA WHUMP
CHA WHUMP
CHA WHUMP
THAT'S RIGHT, GORIKI! FOLLOW THE TORNADO'S ROTA-TION!

IMPOSSIBLE!!
YOU'LL NEVER STOP MY TORNADO NO MATTER WHAT YOU TRY!!
KRRR
KRRR
KRRR

WH-WHAT IS THIS !?!
GAA
THIS IS WHAT'S BEHIND THE TORNADO ?!!

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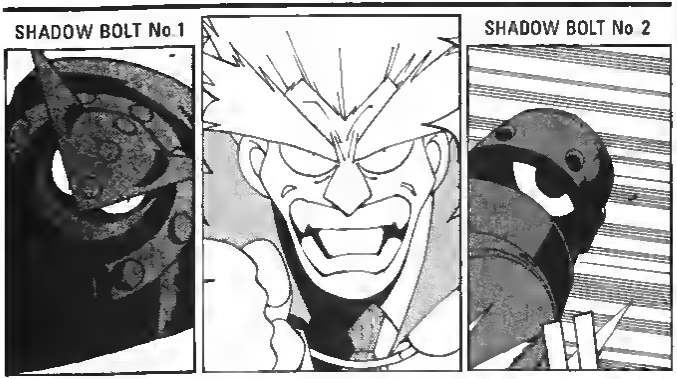

THE EVIL MAD SCIENTIST, DR GUILTY

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By publishing these diegrems, we hope to contribute to the city's fight egeinst Dr Guilty If only the mind boggling technology of these blueprints wes employed to benefit menkind end the natural world who can imegine the results?

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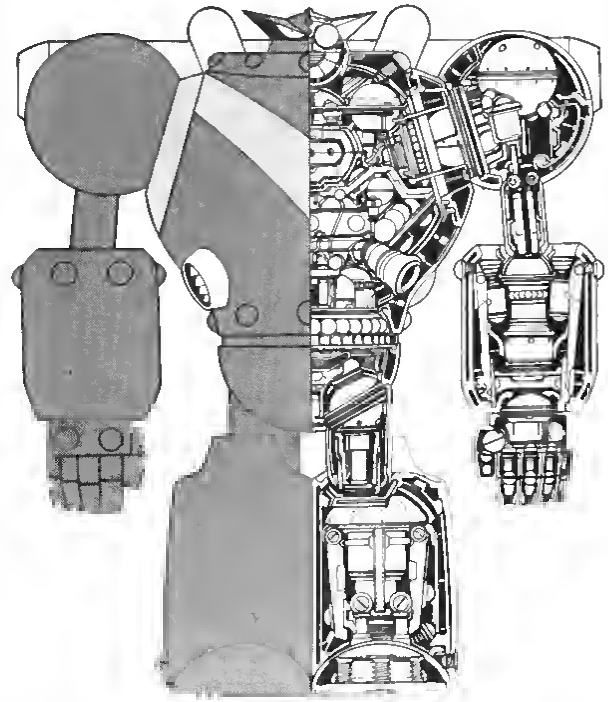

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COOLING SYSTEM 10 WATER RADIATORS MAXIMUM POWER OVER 16000000ps

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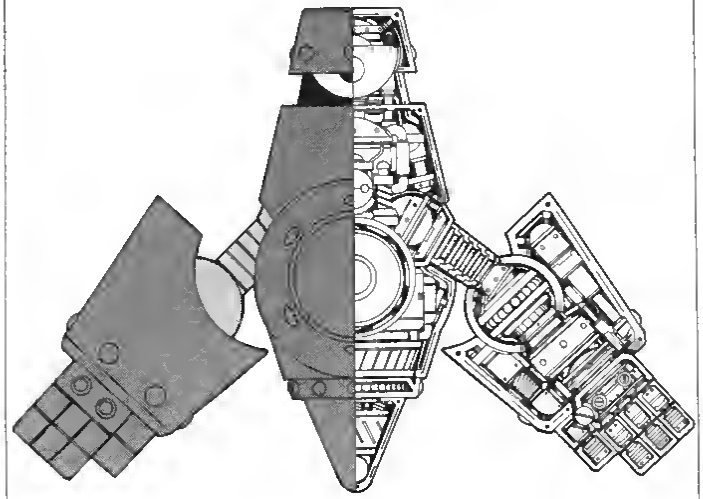

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ENGINE STEAM ENGINE RX-328-C SPECIAL RADIO SYSTEM DAISEN ELECTRONIC
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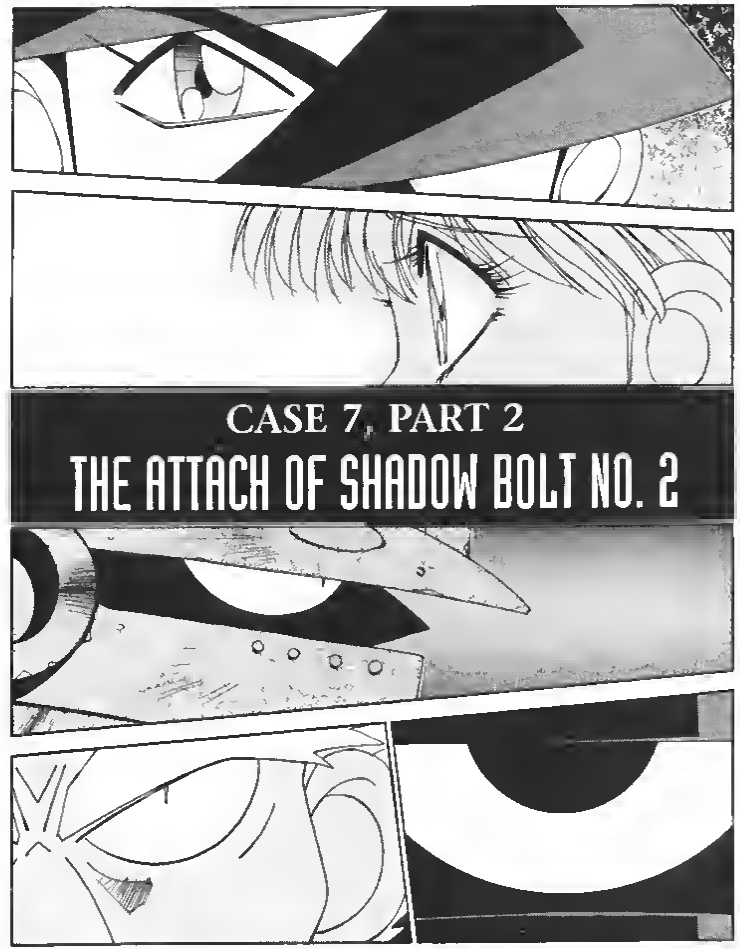

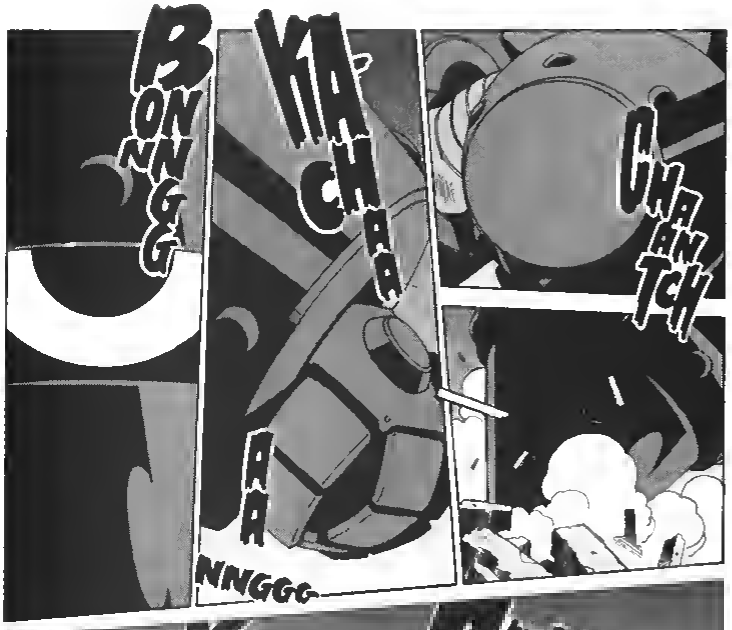
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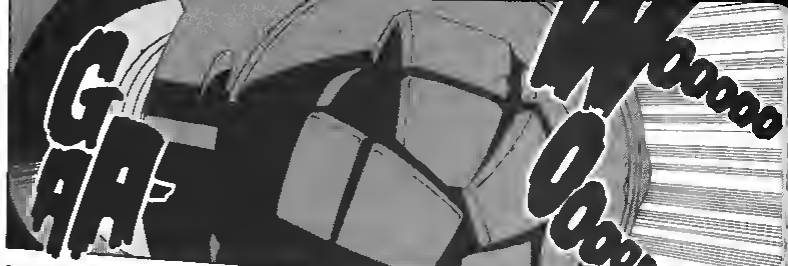
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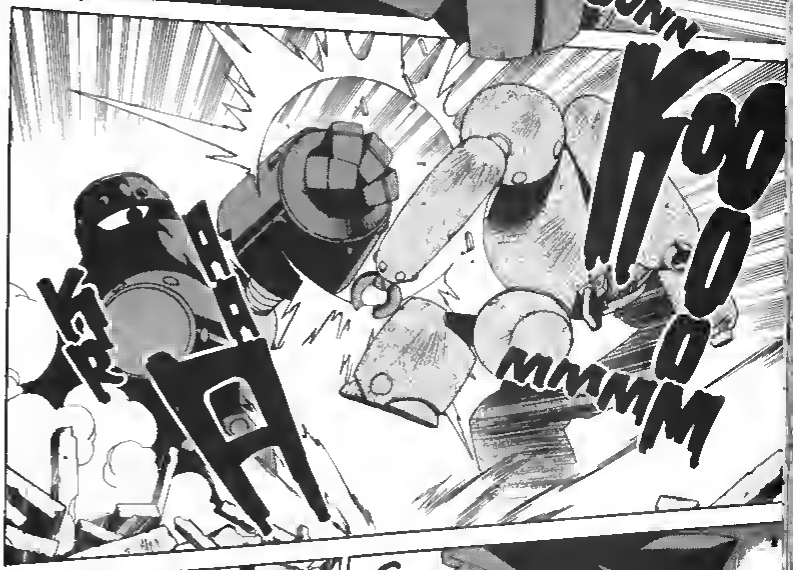
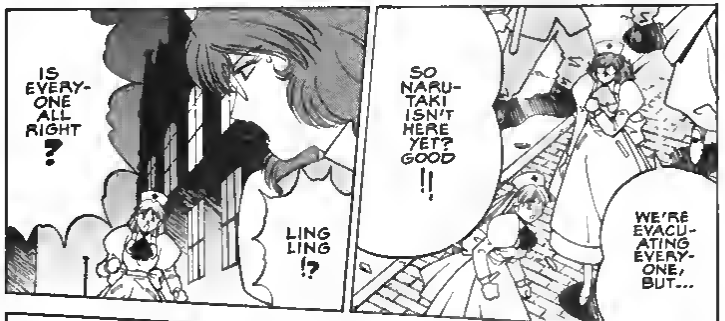

KOOONN
KR-AA
MMMM

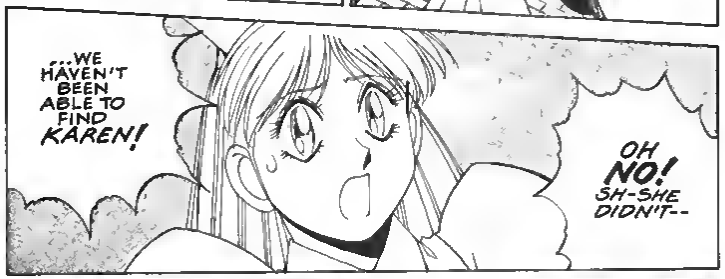
BA-KUKCH
GORIKI!
SO THE TORNADO WAS ARTIFI-CIAL!!

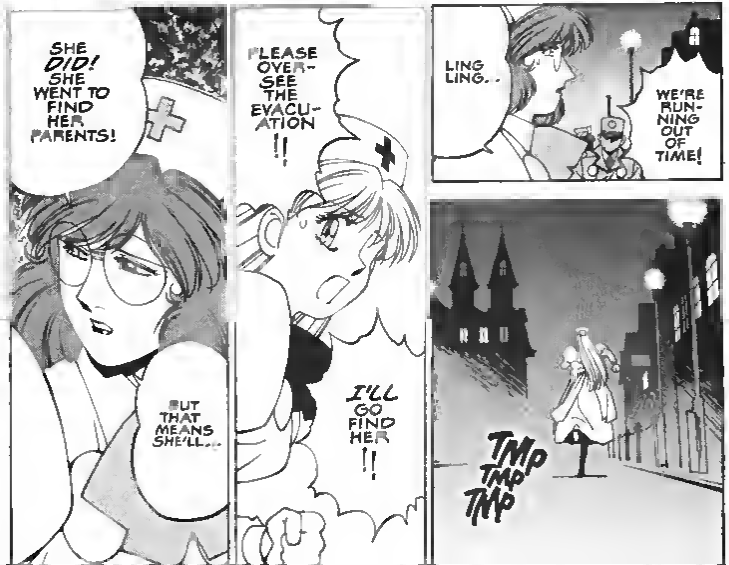
NARUTAKI
EEEEEEE
DETECTIVE AGENCY
TIK
TIK
TIK
TIK
TIK
TIK
TIK
TIK
!!
KACHAK
MISS LING LING, YOUR TEA IS READY.
CHI-CHK
MISS LING LING?
KAREN! I HOPE EVERY-ONE AT THE HOSPITAL IS SAFE!!
TMP
TMP
GORIKI! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
KR TCH
RRRRR
HA HA HA HA HA HAA! WELL, NARUTAKI!?
MY THANKS FOR YOUR PROMPT ARRIVAL! NOW I NEEDN'T HUNT YOU DOWN!
I KNOW THAT VOICE...
DR. GUILTY!?

IT IS I, THE EVIL GENIUS SCIENTIST, DR. GUILTY! THIS TIME I SHALL DESTROY DR. HSU'S GORIKI !!
WITH MY SHADOW BOLT No.2 !!

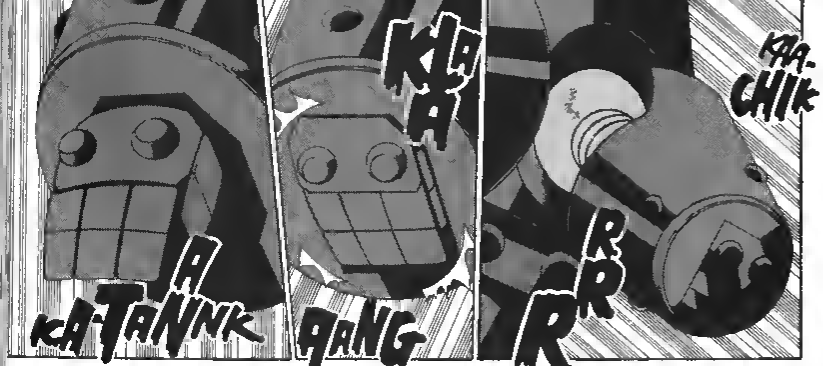
SHA-DOW BOLT...
No.2?
VWMM
NOW, SHADOW BOLT No.2!! DESTROY GORIKI !!
....

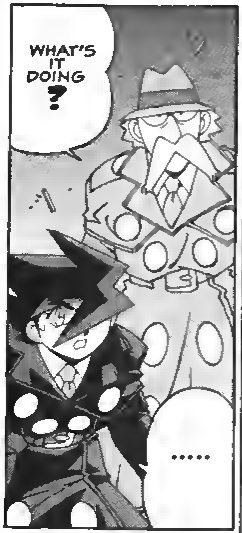

IS EVERY-ONE ALL RIGHT?
LING LING!?
SO NARU-TAKI ISN'T HERE YET? GOOD!!
WE'RE EVACU-ATING EVERY-ONE; BUT...


...WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND KAREN!
OH NO! SH-SHE DIDN'T--


SHE DID! SHE WENT TO FIND HER PARENTS!
BUT THAT MEANS SHE'LL...
PLEASE OVER-SEE THE EVACU-ATION!!
I'LL GO FIND HER!!
LING LING..
WE'RE RUN-NING OUT OF TIME!
TMP TMP TMP

KANNNG
OKAANNN
CHONG
ROARR
OOSH
KRNCH
GRRGG
KREEK
KREEK
KREEK
GORIKI!
CATA-PULT GORIKI AWAY!!
SHA-DOW BOLT No.2!!
KAANNN
IT'S TOO POWER-FUL!!
IT THREW GORIKI!
NOW... PULVER-IZE IT!!
ZONNG





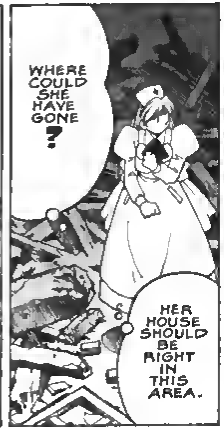
ZHEEE

GA-CHI-GN
KRONTG
ZHEEN
JJKK
KR
M

BAAMMM
WOAH!
HE BROKE GORIKI'S DRILL !!
HOW POWERFUL IS THIS SHADOW BOLT No. 2!?
FSSSSH
HA HA HA HA HAAA! THE ARMOR OF No. 2 IS TEN TIMES MORE POTENT THAN THAT OF No. 1 !!
YOU SHALL NOT PREVAIL AS YOU DID BEFORE !!
KRLCH
SHADOW BOLT No. 2! YOU SHALL ANNIHILATE DR. HSU'S MEGAMATON BEFORE MY VERY EYES!
NOW, COMMENCE YOUR ATTACK !!

TMP
TMP
TMP

KAR-
EN...!


WHERE
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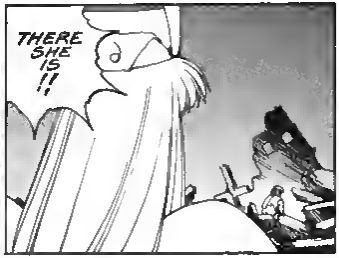
HOUSE
SHOULD
BE
RIGHT
IN
THIS
AREA.


THERE
SHE
IS
!!

KAREN!
!

OH,
LING
LING.

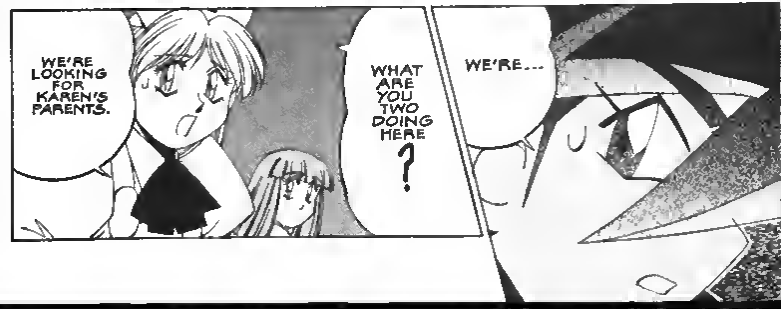
WE'VE
BEEN
WORRIED
SICK
OVER
YOU!
I JUST
GOTTA
FIND
MY
MOMMY
AND
DADDY
!

ALL
RIGHT
THEN,
WE'LL
BOTH
LOOK
FOR
THEM.
REALLY
??

...FWEEEEE

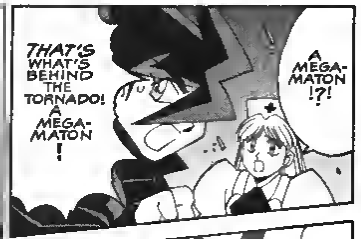
KRIK
!

LING
LING!
WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE
!?
NARUTAKI!?
INSPECTOR
YAGAMI--
??


WE'RE
LOOKING
FOR
KAREN'S
PARENTS.
WHAT
ARE
YOU
TWO
DOING
HERE
?
WE'RE...

GA
JOO
MMM

GORIKI! LOOK AT WHAT THAT THING'S DONE TO HIM !!
WHAT IS IT—
VVROOH


A MEGA-MATON !?!
THAT'S WHAT'S BEHIND THE TORNADO! A MEGA-MATON !

YOU TWO SHOULD GET AWAY FROM HERE.
ABSO-LUTELY NOT.

WE CAN'T LEAVE UNTIL...
.....
...WE FIND KAREN'S PARENTS !!

ALL RIGHT THEN! LET'S ALL LOOK FOR KAREN'S PARENTS !
GORIKI! STALL THAT MEGA-MATON !!
OH, THANK YOU, NARU-TAKI!

THR
ONK
TH
OK
CHA
NGG
CH
ONK
RR
RR

CHA-
CHONG

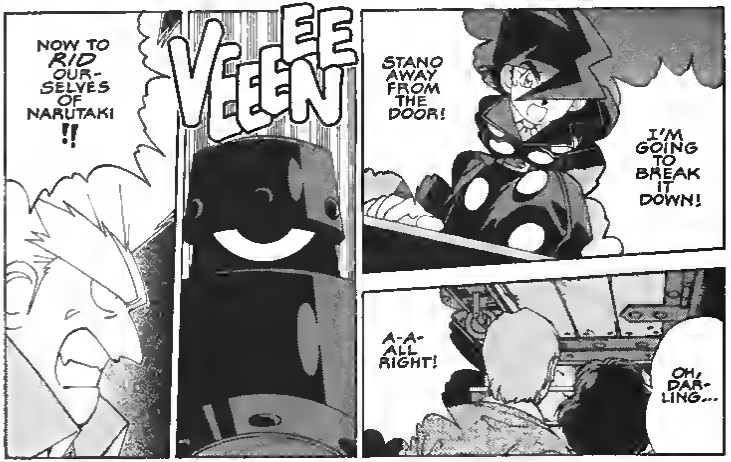
JA-KOO
KUH
YOU'RE SO MUCH MORE POWER-FUL THAN GORIKI.
HA HA HA. WELL DONE, SHADOW BOLT No. 2.
WHICH ONLY MEANS ONE THING! I, DR GUILTY, AM SUPERIOR TO DR. HSU! GIVE ME THE PROOF I NEED!
MEGAMATONS EQUAL POWER! YOU CAN BECOME A GOD OR A DEVIL WITH THIS POWER! SUCH AN INCREDIBLE INVENTION !!

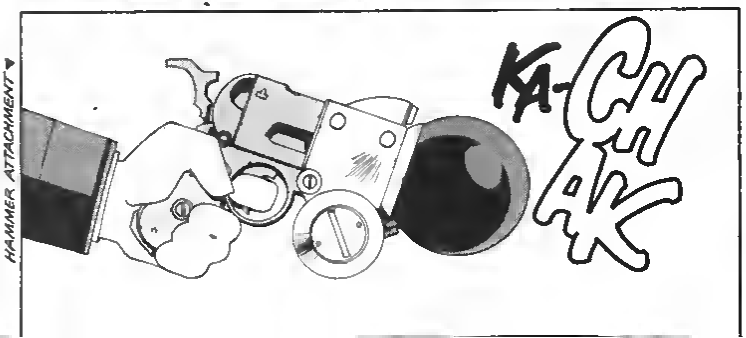
BUT THAT FOOL DR. HSU CRITI-CIZED MY IDEAS !
HE DARED TO OPPOSE ME !
HE SAID I SHOULD USE THIS POWER FOR PEACE!!
WHO NEEDS PEACE!? I'LL RULE THE WORLD !!
GO, SHADOW BOLT No. 2 !!
DESTROY DR. HSU'S ANNOY-ING MEGA-MATON !!

WHAT'S THIS DOOR ?
KAREN !
IT'S THE DOOR TO THE BASEMENT. WE GOT WINE AND OTHER STUFF STORED DOWN THERE.
THE LOCK'S JAMMED
BAM BAM
IS THERE ANY-ONE DOWN THERE !?
Y-YES! WE'RE HERE !!
WE'RE SAVED! THEY'RE FINALLY HERE !!

IT'S MOMMY AND DADDY !!
ARE YOU SURE? GREAT! WE'LL GET THEM OUT!

NARUTAKI, THIS DOOR'S PRETTY STRONG.
I'LL BREAK THROUGH IT! EVERY-ONE STEP BACK!
SHUH
BUH
SSS





HAMMER ATTACHMENT

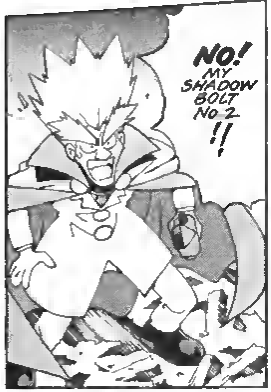
GR
GRR
CHAN
CHAN
GORIKI
!!
RRR
RR
WHAT? THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
GRTT CH!
HURRY! WHILE GORIKI HOLDS SHADOW BOLT NO.2!

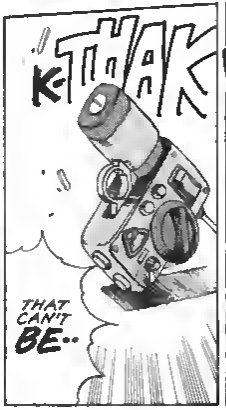
I'LL SHOW YOU!
MRR-RUNN
PO-CHAK
B
WA
HO
M
ZUU-
AA
NN

THE COOLING TANK ON HIS BACK...
FSH HOO
OOOO
GORIKI!! DON'T MOVE, OR ELSE YOUR STEAM ENGINE WILL OVERHEAT AND EXPLODE !!
.....
SHADOW BOLT NO. 2 MIGHT BE COVERED IN HEAVY DUTY METAL...
BUT !!
GRR UNN
GRR UNN
...NOT EVERY PLACE IS ARMORED !
KA-CHAK
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA !
FN EEEE
NARUTAKI! THAT DRILL IS ABSOLUTELY USELESS!
HUH ?

THERE CAN'T BE ARMOR THERE !!
AND THAT'S MY TARGET !!
W OOO-
O O O SH
CURSES !!
I'M NEARLY OUT OF FUEL !
THE SHOULDER JOINT !!
BL AM
A MM
BOK
KA NN

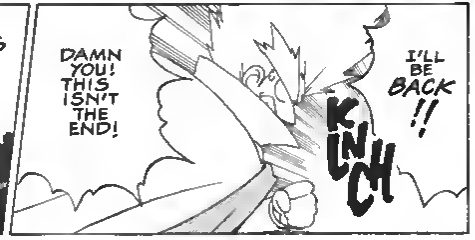
RA-
MM


NO! MY SHADOW BOLT NO. 2 !!


K-THAK
THAT CAN'T BE--

FSHAAAA

YES !!


DAMN YOU! THIS ISN'T THE END!
I'LL BE BACK !!
KLNCH

DR. GUILTY'S GETTING AWAY !
FS
SHAAA
WH-UMMP

KRKKLL
GORIKI

!
KACHU NK

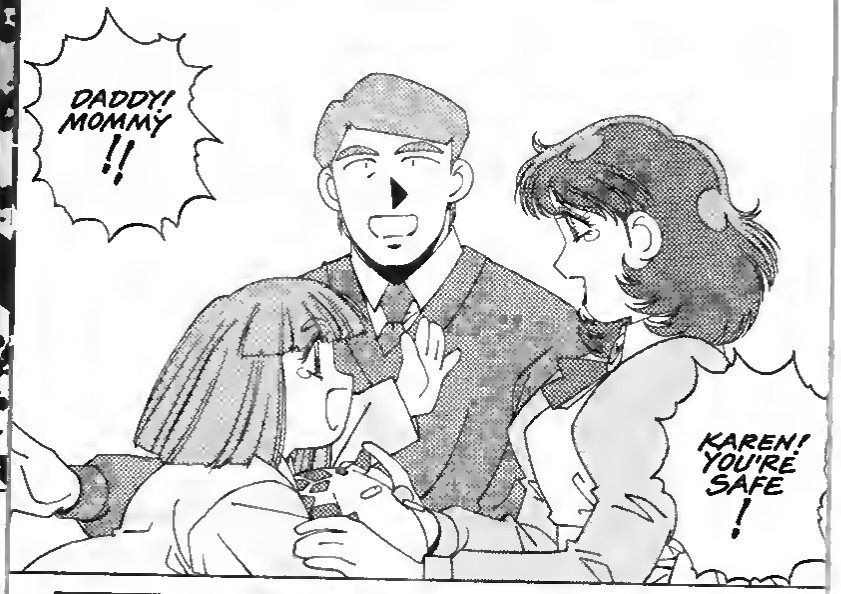
WH-WHAT THE-- !?

!!

GG
OOO
OH HH
KRIIK
KRRIKK
YAA AAA AH!

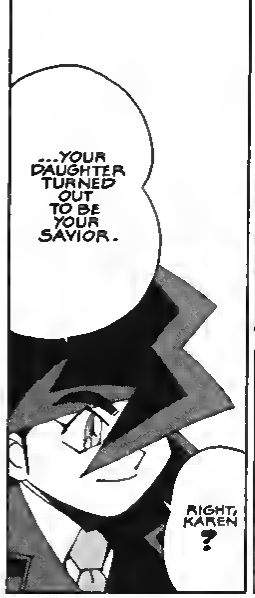
WHOO
AIIEEEEE!
BAA-
SHWOOM

IT NEEDED A LOT OF ENERGY TO CAUSE THOSE TORNADOES.
SO HE HAD SHADOW BOLT NO.2 MOVE SEVERAL TIMES ALONG THE CANAL...
...REFUELING SHADOW BOLT NO.2 WITH COAL AFTER EVERY ATTACK. SINCE HIS BLIMP WAS DESTROYED...
...THIS WAS THE ONLY METHOD LEFT FOR HIM TO MOVE A MEGAMATON WITHOUT BEING NOTICED!

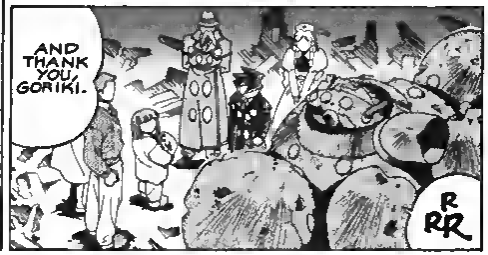

DADDY! MOMMY!!
KAREN! YOU'RE SAFE!

AREN'T YOU HAPPY, KAREN?
UH-HUH!
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU.
WE'RE SO GRATEFUL!

WE WERE WORKING IN THE BASEMENT WHEN THE TORNADO STRUCK, AND IT SHUT US IN.
KAREN WAS ABOVE GROUND. WE WERE SO WORRIED...
BUT IN THE END...


...YOUR DAUGHTER TURNED OUT TO BE YOUR SAVIOR.
RIGHT, KAREN?

RIGHT!
THANK YOU, NARUTAKI.


AND THANK YOU, GORIKI.
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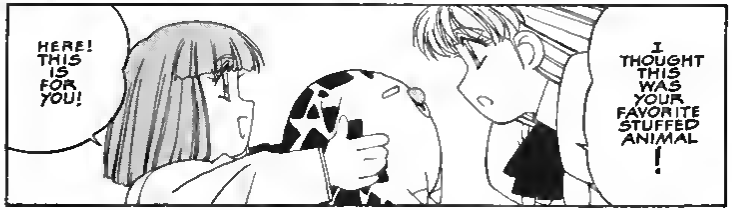
HERE! THIS IS FOR YOU!
I THOUGHT THIS WAS YOUR FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL!

GOTTA PAY YOU AND THANK YOU FOR FINDING MY PARENTS!
THAT'S THE BIGGEST DETECTIVE'S FEE I'VE EVER SEEN!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, KAREN!

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